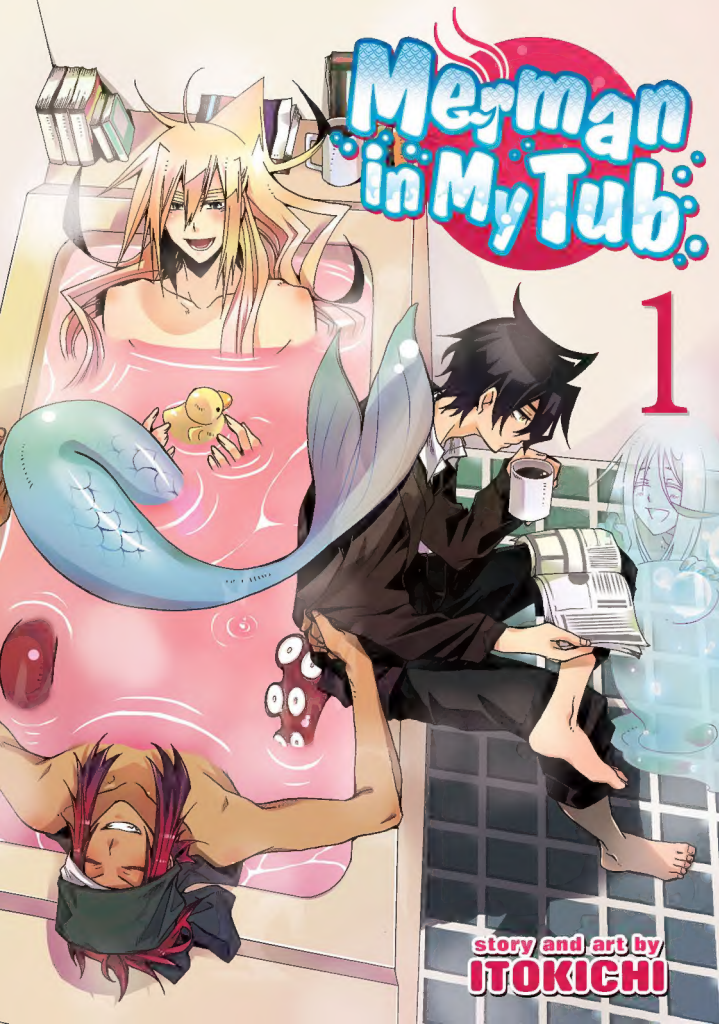
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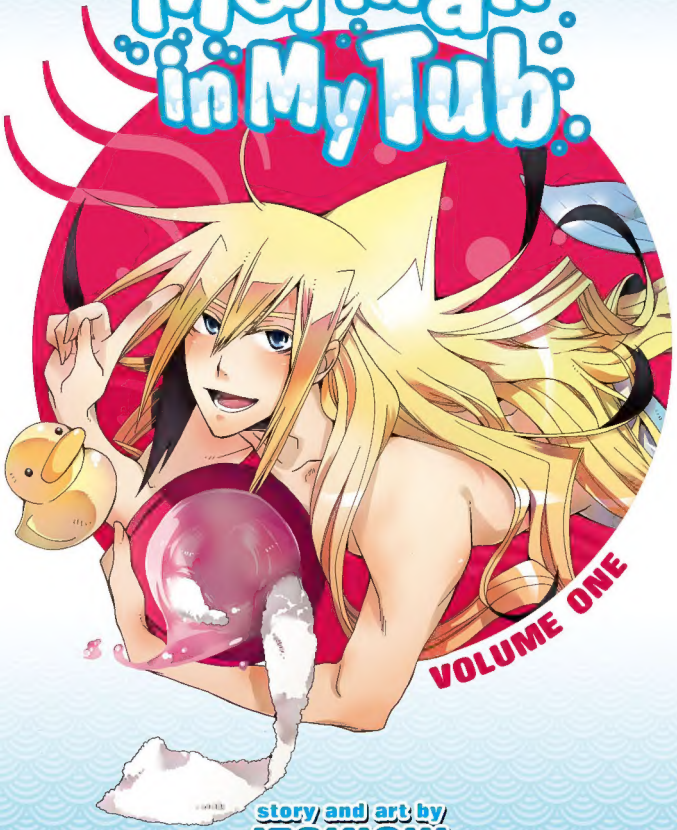

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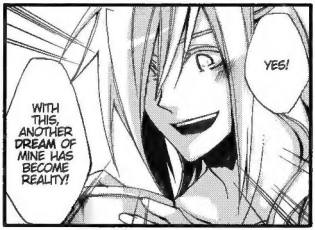

YES!
WITH THIS, ANOTHER DREAM OF MINE HAS BECOME REALITY!

KA-CHAK
I'M HOME...
OH, WELCOME HOME!
DID YOU FIND THAT POWDER?

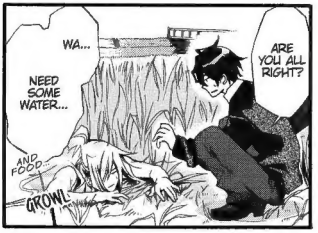
PEACH-COLORED BATH!!!
DREAM. RIIIIGHT.
ビチ SPLASH
ビチ SPLASH
SPLASH ビチ
ビチ SPLASH

!
POW-DER...?
YOU MEAN THIS?

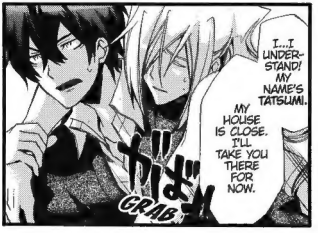
CHAPTER 1
THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY BATH

HOW DID MY TUB END UP THIS WAY...?
ONE WEEK AGO.
H...
HELP...

WHY PINK?
THERE ARE WHITE AND GREEN BATH SALTS, TOO, YOU KNOW.
I'M THE ONE WHO GOES TO BUY THEM.
GREEN?!

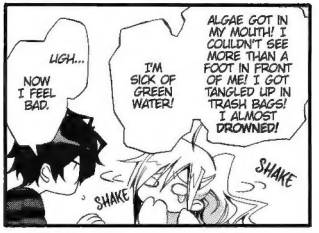

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WA...
NEED SOME WATER...
AND FOOD.
GROWL
GRRR

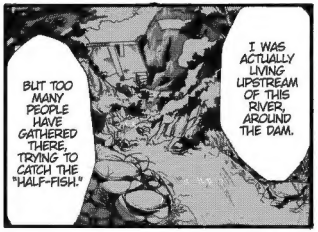
THE COLOR GREEN... I'VE SEEN TOO MUCH OF IT...
YOU HATE GREEN?


I...I UNDERSTAND! MY NAME'S TATSUMI.
MY HOUSE IS CLOSE. I'LL TAKE YOU THERE FOR NOW.
GRAB

THAT RIVER...
IT WAS DIRTY...

I'M GETTING HERNIA!!
DRAG
HEY...
GIVE ME YOUR LEGS SO I CAN PICK YOU UP!!
NN...
I CAN'T... I'M GOING TO DIE...


ALGAE GOT IN MY MOUTH! I COULDN'T SEE MORE THAN A FOOT IN FRONT OF ME! I GOT TANGLED UP IN TRASH BAGS! I ALMOST DROWNED!
UGH...
NOW I FEEL BAD.
I'M SICK OF GREEN WATER!
SHAKE
SHAKE

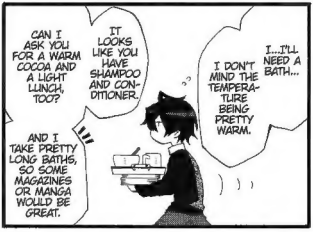

I WAS ACTUALLY LIVING UPSTREAM OF THIS RIVER, AROUND THE DAM.
BUT TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED THERE, TRYING TO CATCH THE "HALF-FISH."

HUFF
WHA...?!
HUFF
Y-Y-YOUR FEET... AREN'T FEET?!
YEAH... I KNOW...

OF COURSE, IT'S MY FAULT FOR BEING SEEN.
BUT I WISH THEY'D LEFT ME ALONE. I WAS THERE FIRST!
INSTEAD, I HAD TO LEAVE AND ALMOST DIED.

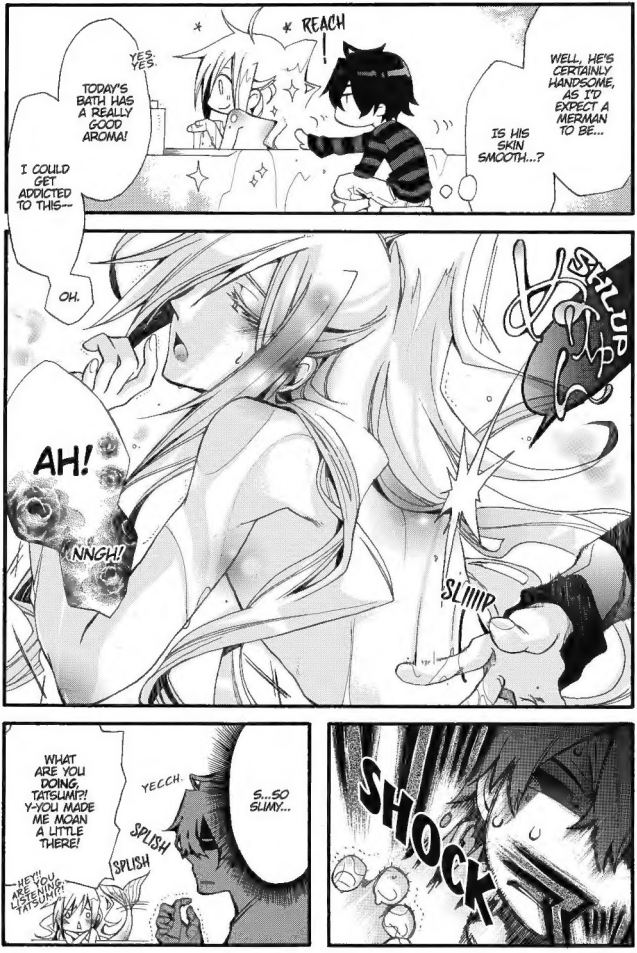
BUT, RIGHT NOW, I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT DYING FROM DEHY-DRATION...
S... SORRY...

HUMANS ARE REALLY SHAME-LESS.
ZERO GRATITUDE, ZERO MODESTY.


I...I'LL NEED A BATH...
I DON'T MIND THE TEMPERA-TURE BEING PRETTY WARM.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SHAMPOO AND CON-DITIONER.
CAN I ASK YOU FOR A WARM COCOA AND A LIGHT LUNCH, TOO?
AND I TAKE PRETTY LONG BATHS, SO SOME MAGAZINES OR MANGA WOULD BE GREAT.

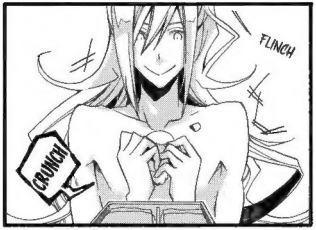
YEAH, AND EVEN HALF-HU-MANS ...
HALF OF ZERO IS STILL ZERO.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

ARE YOU... REALLY A MER-MAN?
SIP
WELL, YEAH. DON'T I LOOK LIKE ONE?

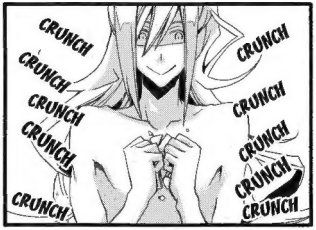

REACH!
WELL, HE'S CERTAINLY HANDSOME, AS I'D EXPECT A MERMAN TO BE...
IS HIS SKIN SMOOTH...?
YES. YES.
TODAY'S BATH HAS A REALLY GOOD AROMA!
I COULD GET ADDICTED TO THIS---
OH.
SHLUP
AH!
NNGH!
SLIIIIP
S...SO SLIMY...
YECCH.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TATSUMI?! Y-YOU MADE ME MOAN A LITTLE THERE!
SPLISH
SPLISH
HEY!! YOU'RE LISTENING, TATSUMI!!
SHOCK

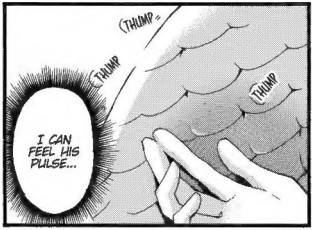
I'VE GOT SOME SNACKS FROM THE PART-TIME JOBS I WORK.
WANT SOME?
YEAH!
I LOVE GIFTS

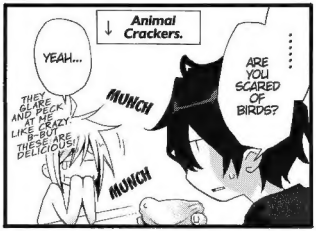
HEY, I WANT TO TOUCH YOUR LEGS.
HUH ...?!
WHY SO SUDDENLY..?


FLINCH
CRUNCH

GASP
COULD IT BE THAT TATSUMI...
HAS A LEG FETISH?!
OKAY, I'M GOING TO TOUCH YOU NOW.
TOUCH
BACK OF THE HAND


CRUNCH


THUMP
I CAN FEEL HIS PULSE...


Animal Crackers.
YEAH...
THEY GLARE AND PECK AT ME LIKE CRAZY. BUT THESE ARE DELICIOUS!
MUNCH
ARE YOU SCARED OF BIRDS?

IT'S REAL.
THANK GOODNESS IT'S NOT COSPLAY.
POKE
POKE

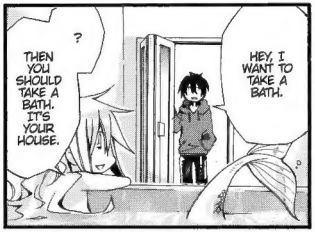
OOH...
IT'S BECOME SO SHINY...
CH...

WHY DON'T YOU USE THIS?
IT'S A TREATMENT THAT CAME WITH THE SHAMPOO FOR FREE.
HOW DO I USE IT?

UM... LET'S SEE...
①
"PAT YOUR HAIR LIGHTLY AFTER SHAMPOO-ING AND CONDITION-ING."
SQUEEZE
②
"EVEN WITH IMMEDIATE RINSING YOU WILL SEE ITS EFFECT."
OH, SHE'LL BE IN THE BATH FOR THIS LONG.
OH SHE'LL'S NICE.
③
SHAAA
"ADD A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT AND RUB INTO HAIR."
I SEE.

SHIMMER
SHIMMER
CHANGE IT BACK RIGHT AWAY!!!
IT'LL ATTRACT CROWS!!!
CALM DOWN. THERE ARE NO CROWS IN A BATH.
I'LL BE PECKED TO BITS IF MY HAIR'S THIS SHINY!!
AND I'M NOT WASTING PERFECTLY GOOD SHAMPOO LIKE THAT.

HUH ...?!
BY THE WAY.
WHEN ARE YOU LEAVING?

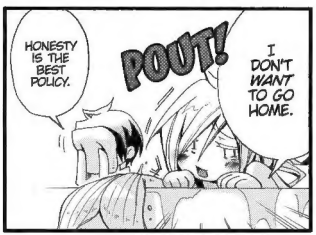

HEY, I WANT TO TAKE A BATH.
?
THEN YOU SHOULD TAKE A BATH. IT'S YOUR HOUSE.

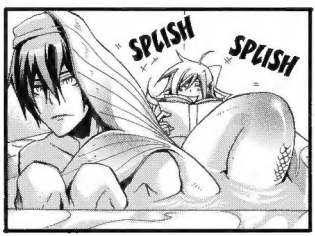
FU FU... DIDN'T YOU KNOW, TAT-SUMI? PEOPLE SHOULD TREASURE EVERY ENCOUNTER.
ONE CHANCE IN A MILLION. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY...
LIM, WHAT OTHER SAYINGS ARE THERE...?

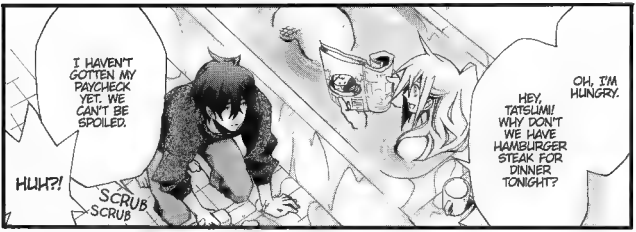
SPLASH
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SO LET'S SWITCH.
Wore gloves with non-slip grip!

IN OTHER WORDS?
BURBLE
BURBLE

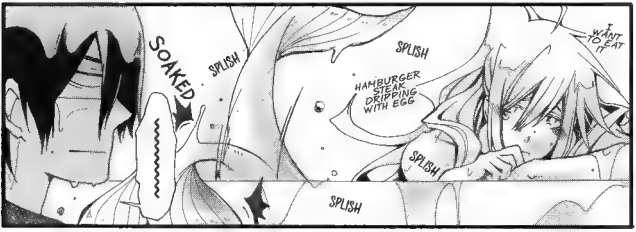
POK
WAIT, TAT-SUMI!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO DRY ME OUT?!
POK

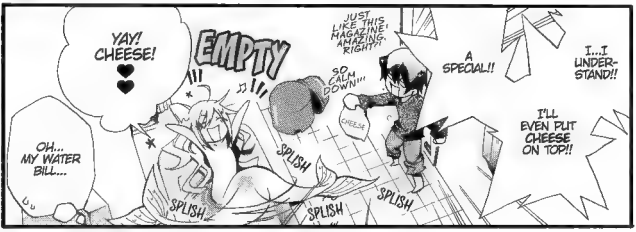

POUT!
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.


SPLISH
SPLISH


I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY PAYCHECK YET. WE CAN'T BE SPOILED.
HUH?!
SCRUB SCRUB
HEY, TATSUMI! WHY DON'T WE HAVE HAMBURGER STEAK FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
OH, I'M HUNGRY.

I WANT TO EAT ONE WITH AN EGG ON TOP!!
LOOK!! LIKE THE ONE IN THIS MAGA-ZINE!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
HEY...
NO!!! I WANT HAMBURGER STEAK--!!!
HEY...


SOAKED
SPLISH
SPLISH
HAMBURGER STEAK DRIPPING WITH EGG
SPLISH
SPLISH
I WANT TO EAT IT


YAY! CHEESE!
EMPTY
JUST LIKE THIS! MAGAZINE, AMAZING, RIGHT?!
SO CALM DOWN!!!
A SPECIAL!!
I...I UNDER-STAND!!
I'LL EVEN PUT CHEESE ON TOP!!
OH... MY WATER BILL....
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH

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IT...
IT'S EMBARRASSING...!

HM?
THERE'S SOMETHING THERE.
SPARKLE

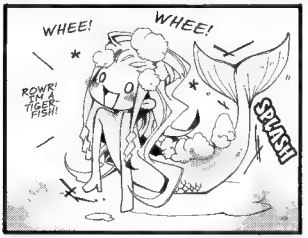
SPLISH
BLUUUSH
?
YOU CAN FIND OUT A FISH'S AGE FROM THE PATTERN OF ITS SCALES.
SPLISH

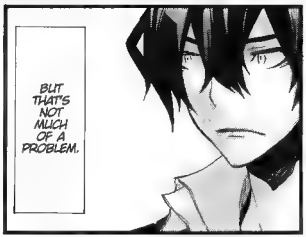
T... TATSUMI! DON'T STARE TOO INTENTLY...!!
FLUSTER
STARE
SCALES...?
AMAZING
FLUSTER

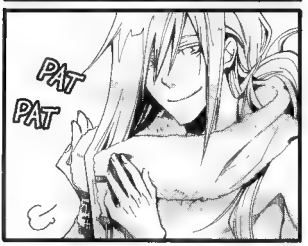
CHAPTER 2
THE BUDGET

AH HA HA HA!
SUCH A NICE SOAK.
THE SHAMPOO SMELLS SO NICE, LIKE CHERRIES
AH HA HA!

I'M HOME.
WELCOME BACK, TATSUYA!
FOR SOME REASON THERE IS A FISH GUY LIVING IN MY TUB.

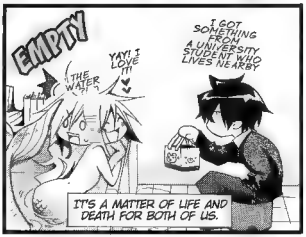

WHEE!
WHEE!
ROWR! I'M A TIGER FISH!
SPLASH


BUT THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A PROBLEM.


PAT
PAT

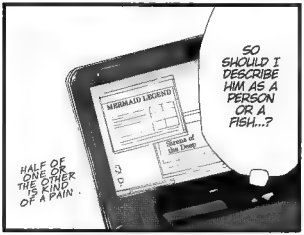
SPLISH
ピチ
WHAT'S OUR SNACK TODAY?
THE PROBLEM...
IS MY WATER BILL.
SPLISH
ピチ
SPLISH
ピチ
SPLISH

SPLASH
YOU WASTED SO MUCH WATER...
WHEW! THAT WAS A GOOD BATH


EMPTY
THE WATER WAS!
YAY! I LOVE IT!
I GOT SOMETHING FROM A UNIVERSITY STUDENT WHO LIVES NEARBY.
IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR BOTH OF US.

TAP
TAP

HUH ?!
NO WAY!!
WOBBLE
THIS MAGAZINE OF YOURS IS SOAKED AND WARPED ...
I'M THROWING IT AWAY.

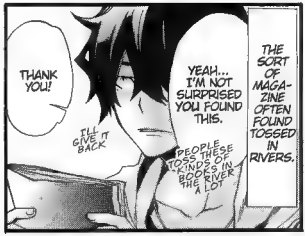

MERMAID LEGEND
Stanza of this Treaty
SO SHOULD I DESCRIBE HIM AS A PERSON OR A FISH...?
HALF OF ONE OR THE OTHER IS KIND OF A PAIN.

IT'S MY GUIDE TO LIVING IN THE HUMAN WORLD!!
THAT IS MY TEXT-BOOK AND SOURCE OF KNOW-LEDGE!

DING DING ♪
REHEAT COMMENCING.
WOW!! HOT WATER CAME OUT!!

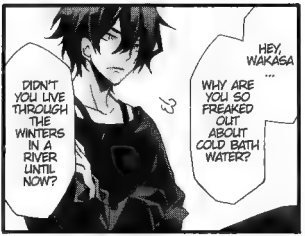
WOMAN HEAVEN
DON'T THROW IT AWAY...!
THAT BOOK IS MY LIFE.

EIGHT PARTS HUMAN AND TWO PARTS FISH...
HE'S SLOWLY INCREASING HIS WORLDLY KNOWLEDGE (THOUGH MAINLY ABOUT THE BATH.)
CLACK


THE SORT OF MAGA-ZINE OFTEN FOUND TOSSED IN RIVERS.
YEAH... I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU FOUND THIS.
PEOPLE TOSS THESE KINDS OF BOOKS IN THE RIVER A LOT.
THANK YOU!
I'LL GIVE IT BACK.

WHAT HAPPENED ...?
IT...
GA-CHAK
HELP ME!!
SPLISH
SPLISH
TATSUMI ...
TATSUMI !!
SLURGH
IT'S SO COLD. I'M GOING TO DIE..
OH?
I...SEE.
SO THAT'S WHY THERE'S ONLY BEEN COLD WATER THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES
I WAS DOING LAUNDRY SO I HAD UNPLUGGED THE HOT TANK FOR THE BATH
OH, THAT SCARED ME.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT PLUGGED IN, THE HOT WATER WON'T COME OUT.

HE'S BEEN TAKING ONE LONG BATH SINCE HE GOT HERE.
HMMM...
I HAVE TO CUT COSTS IN OTHER AREAS...
EXPENSES


HEY, WAKASA ...
WHY ARE YOU SO FREAKED OUT ABOUT COLD BATH WATER?
DIDN'T YOU LIVE THROUGH THE WINTERS IN A RIVER UNTIL NOW?

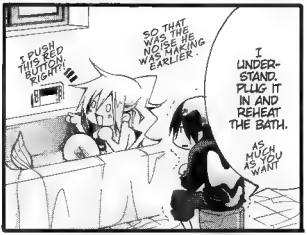
I FOUND SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT THE TUB!
FLIP
OH, TATSUMI!
WHAT?

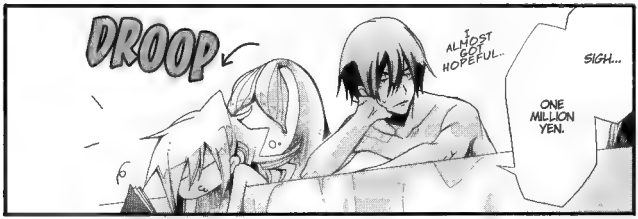
SIGH...
YEAH, BUT IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET THROUGH THE WINTER...
IT MAKES ME SO TIRED...
TIRED?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?

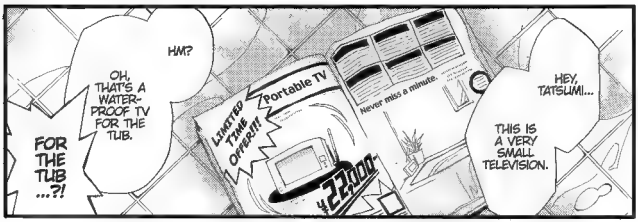
WHY DON'T WE MAKE THIS TUB ECO CUTE?!
Eco Cute
NOT ONLY IS IT LOW-ENERGY, BUT CUTS THE GAS BILL BY 80%!

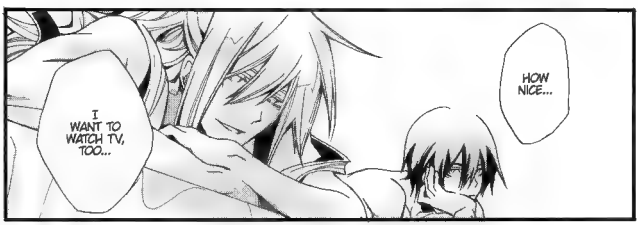
THREE TIMES THE CALORIE EXPENDITURE
WHAT, YOU ASK...?
ONE, TWO!
SPLASH
I HAD TO CREATE MY OWN HEAT.
TO WARM MYSELF UP.

.....
REALLY?
YEAH!
BUT THE REMODELING COST IS ABOUT 1,000,000 YEN ($8500).
LOOK, THERE'S A PAMPHLET ABOUT IT!

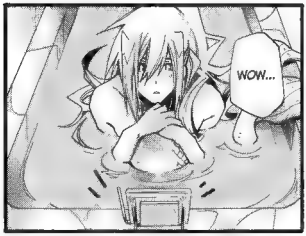

SO THAT WAS THE NOISE HE WAS MAKING EARLIER.
I PUSH THIS RED BUTTON, RIGHT?
I UNDERSTAND. PLUG IT IN AND REHEAT THE BATH.
AS MUCH AS YOU WANT


DROOP
I ALMOST GOT HOPEFUL...
SIGH...
ONE MILLION YEN.


HM?
OH, THAT'S A WATER-PROOF TV FOR THE TUB.
FOR THE TUB ...?!
LIMITED TIME OFFER!!!
Portable TV
Never miss a minute.
¥22000
HEY, TATSUMI...
THIS IS A VERY SMALL TELEVISION.


I WANT TO WATCH TV, TOO...
HOW NICE...

AFTER YOU'VE SEEN A VERY EXPENSIVE ITEM, A LOWER-PRICED ITEM CAN SEEM SUPER CHEAP...
RIGHT?
HUH ?!
TWENTY THOUSAND YEN, HUH?
.....
THAT'S AFFORDABLE.


WOW...

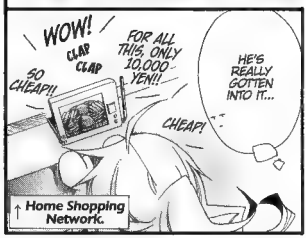
GASP!!!
YAAAY!
A TV~!
↑ Back to reality.

WOOW...

SPLISH
THANK YOU, TATSUMI!!!
I FEEL LIKE... I WAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF...
EXCITED
SPLISH
BE BETTER NOT TAKE LOONE THAT ON PURPOSE

HIT
SPLASH
WOOOW ...!!
SPLASH
HIT
SPLASH
HIT
SPLASH

WOW! AMAZING!
WELL... IT'S FINE.


WOW!
CLAP CLAP
SO CHEAP!!
FOR ALL THIS, ONLY 10,000 YEN!!
HE'S REALLY GOTTEN INTO IT...
CHEAP!
↑ Home Shopping Network.

NO, IT CAN'T.
EVEN IF IT COULD, I WOULDN'T LET YOU.
HUH ?
THIS CAN'T PLAY GAMES?
GAMES AREN'T WATER-PROOF

HEY, TATSUMI... TV IS BROADCAST THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, RIGHT...?
IT'S A SPECIAL THING ONLY A FEW PEOPLE APPEAR ON, RIGHT?
WELL... THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.
WHAT ABOUT IT?
WHY DID YOU YELL LIKE THAT?
DID YOU BREAK IT ALREADY?
OOH ...!!
MY FRIEND BERTO THE BENITO IS ON TV!!
FISHING ROMANCE
LOOK AT THIS!
BERTO, YOU LIAAAAR!!
LIAR!!
SOB SOB
I LOST TO BERTO AGAIN!
UM... THIS IS REALLY HARD FOR ME TO SAY, BUT...
I THINK YOU'RE THE WINNER HERE.
ピチ SPLASH
NO...
UM...
HE TOLD ME HE WASN'T INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF THING!!
HE'S A TV STAR NOW!
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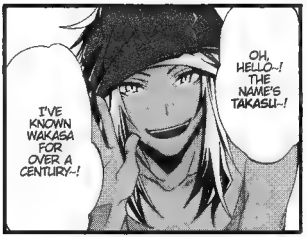
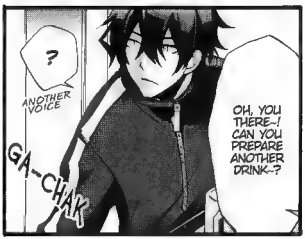

I'VE KNOWN WAKASA FOR OVER A CENTURY~!
OH, HELLO~! THE NAME'S TAKASU~!

YEAH, THANKS, TATSUMI!
I MADE SOME BREAK-FAST. WANT SOME?

HEY, HEY. WERE YOU HIDING YOUR AGE, OLD MAN~?
HUH? WHY?
HEY, TAKASU!! I TOLD YOU TO KEEP THAT A SECRET!!
SPLASH
SPLASH

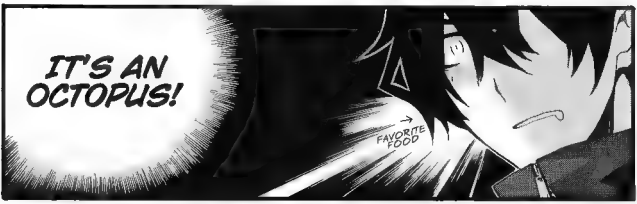

?
ANOTHER VOICE
GA~CHAK
OH, YOU THERE~! CAN YOU PREPARE ANOTHER DRINK~?

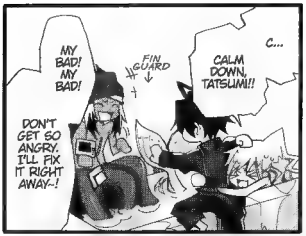
CHAPTER 3
TAKASU

WHOA!!
THIS BREAKFAST LOOKS SO DELICIOUS!!
I... I WON'T SHARE! THIS IS MINE!
AND IT DOESN'T JUST LOOK TASTY, IT'S TASTY!!
UM...

YOU'RE REALLY DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF!
YOU FOUND SUCH A GOOD BATH.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO SCORE THIS? TELL ME-!
SHUT UP! HAVE SOME MODESTY.
NUDGE
NUDGE

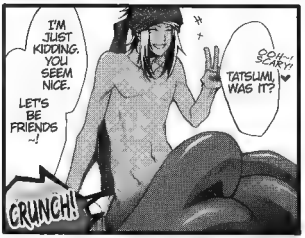
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
MUNCH MUNCH
じゅるる
SHLURP


IT'S AN OCTOPUS!
FAVORITE FOOD

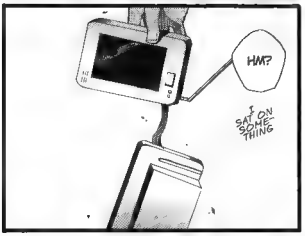

C...
CALM DOWN, TATSUMI!!
EN GUARD
MY BAD! MY BAD!
DON'T GET SO ANGRY. I'LL FIX IT RIGHT AWAY~!

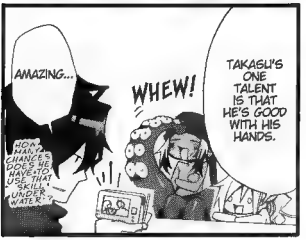
IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE TROUBLE, YOU CAN JUST GO HOME, YOU OCTOPUS!!
WHAP
WHAP
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SHY ONE, WAKASU.
BUT YOU HOOKED THIS KID, EH?

SHWIP...
HUH ...?


I'M JUST KIDDING. YOU SEEM NICE.
LET'S BE FRIENDS ~!
SORRY! TATSUMI, WAS IT?
CRUNCH!

SHA-PAH-PAH-PAH-PAH


HM?
I SAW SOMETHING

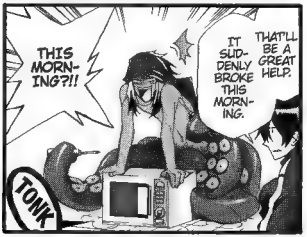

AMAZING...
WHEW!
TAKASU'S ONE TALENT IS THAT HE'S GOOD WITH HIS HANDS.
HOW HARD A CHANCE'S DOES HE HAVE TO USE THAT SKILL UNDERWATER?

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
FRIENDS ...HUH?
THAT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME...

WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
HEY, HEY. DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE.
HEY, TAKASU ...
DID YOU COME TO PLAY AROUND?

NO PROBLEM~! BRING EVERYTHING YOU WANT!!
I'LL FIX IT FOR YOU.
CAN YOU FIX THIS, TOO?
THE MICRO-WAVE
UM...

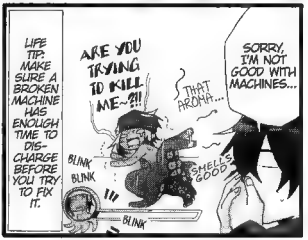
THAT ELECTRO-CUTION WAS ALSO PART OF MY PLAN ★
I... SEE... (-_-)
I HAVE TO DEEPEN MY RELA-TIONSHIP WITH HIM FIRST.
THERE ARE STEPS FOR EVERY-THING.


THIS MORN-ING?!!
IT SUD-DENLY BROKE THIS MORN-ING.
THAT'LL BE A GREAT HELP.
TONK

HE DOESN'T TRUST ME AT ALL YET.
HE'S STARING SO INTENSELY!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
AND LOOK!

BRZZ
BRZZ
BRZZ

I WANT TO EAT SOME TAKO-YAKI NOW...
I'M SO JEALOUS!!
HE'S LOOKING AT YOU SO PASSION-ATELY!!!


LIFE TIP: MAKE SURE A BROKEN MACHINE HAS ENOUGH TIME TO DIS-CHARGE BEFORE YOU TRY TO FIX IT.
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME~?!!
BLINK
BLINK
BLINK
THAT AROMA...
SMELLS GOOD
SORRY, I'M NOT GOOD WITH MACHINES...

!
KA-POK
WAKASA ...
I'M GOING TO DO LAUNDRY.
OKAY!
WELL, IT'S A SMALL PLACE, BUT FEEL FREE TO RELAX.
?!!
BWOOSH
AN OCTOPUS LOVES TO SQUEEZE INTO SMALL, DARK PLACES.
HEY... YOU...?!
DO YOU WANT TO BE SPUN AROUND ?!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
♪
♬

I BLENDED INTO YOUR DAILY LIFE PERFECTLY ~!!
SPLASH
WAIT...
WHY?!
TATSUMI
REALLY?

AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN AFFORD TAKING CARE OF TWO PEOPLE.
SO... WA...
NO... TWO MEN WITH STRANGE LOWER HALVES DO NOT EXACTLY FIT INTO MY LIFE. (OR EVEN MY TUB.)

SNORE
ZZZ...

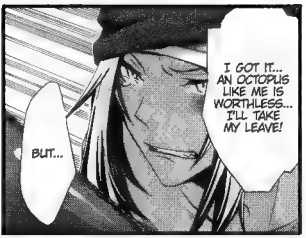
SNIFF...
WAKASA IS FINE...
BUT I'M NO GOOD?

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH
WIGGLE
SO GOOD! SO GOOD!
WIGGLE

NO...
UM...!
TWIRL
TWIRL
HUH...?

YOU WANT ME TO GO HOME?!
SHOCK
HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY...?

I FORGOT. HE HAS TWO TALENTS
WASN'T IT AMAZING?? HIS MASSAGE.

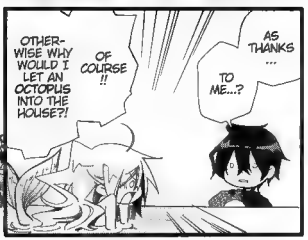

I GOT IT... AN OCTOPUS LIKE ME IS WORTHLESS... I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE!
BUT...

WAKASA ...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS...?
GRIT
HUH ?!
↑ Very embarrassed.

SHWUP
MMGH ?!
NOT WITHOUT "SAYING GOOD-BYE"!!

I JUST...
AS THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS, I WANTED TO GET YOU SOME RELAXATION, TATSUMI...!
WH...WHY ARE YOU MAD?!

HEH!
SLIMY
ST...
STOP...
HOW IS IT? STARTING TO FEEL REALLY GOOD, RIGHT?
SPOK
SPOK
UGH!
SUCK


OTHER-WISE WHY WOULD I LET AN OCTOPUS INTO THE HOUSE?!
OF COURSE !!
AS THANKS ...
TO ME...?
HEY!

TH...
WIGGLE
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN TATSUMI MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE!!
THERE. FULL-BODY CLIP MASSAGE IS FINISHED!
SEE YA
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
Suction massage to remove all impurities.

TATSUMI, YOU...
SEEM VERY COOL AND UNINTERESTED IN OTHERS, BUT...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY SUPER NICE.
YOU'RE A KIND BOY WHO NOT ONLY HELPED SOMEONE AS SUSPICIOUS AS ME, BUT ALSO GAVE ME A PLACE TO STAY.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET SOMEONE WHO ISN'T DISGUSTED BY ME.
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT...
YOU EVEN TOUCH ME AND MAKE ME HAMBURGER STEAKS.
THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY.
BUT I'M REALLY THANKFUL.
I DON'T...
REALLY THINK I DID ANYTHING YOU NEED TO THANK ME FOR.
FU FU!
THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR GREAT QUALITIES, TATSUMI.

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in My Tub

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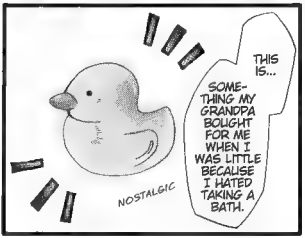
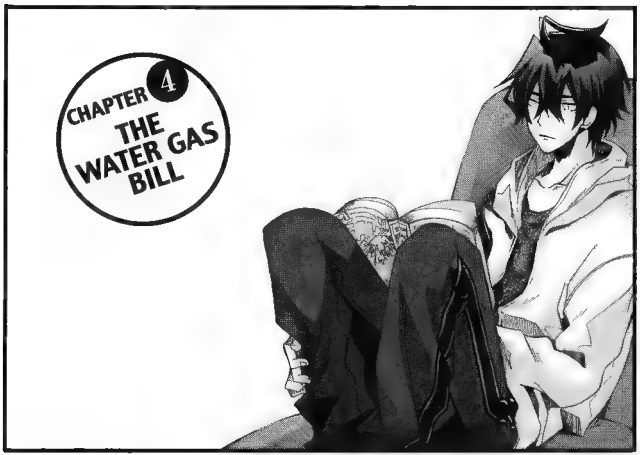
TO GET JOY FROM ME A LOSER--
BUT...
WH... WHAT IS THIS ...?!
SPLASH

IN THE MIDDLE OF CLEANING.
BATH

IT'S ONE OF THE THREE BASICS OF THE BATHROOM IN A JAPANESE HOME--THE LITTLE DUCKY!!

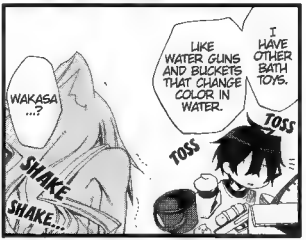

THIS IS... SOMETHING MY GRANDPA BOUGHT FOR ME WHEN I WAS LITTLE BECAUSE I HATED TAKING A BATH.
NOSTALGIC

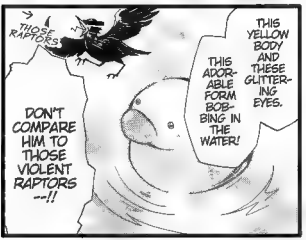

CHAPTER 4
THE WATER GAS BILL

WAIT A MINUTE ...
AREN'T YOU SCARED OF BIRDS?
HEY.
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT IN CHAPTER ONE

YOU WANT IT?
IT'S YOURS.
.....!!!
SO EASILY!!

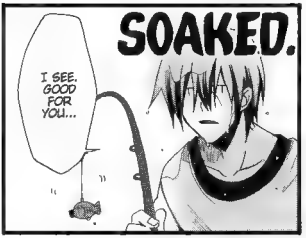
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TATSUMI...?


I HAVE OTHER BATH TOYS.
LIKE WATER GUNS AND BUCKETS THAT CHANGE COLOR IN WATER.
WAKASA ...?
TOSS
TOSS
SHAKE
SHAKE...


THOSE RAPTORS
THIS YELLOW BODY AND THESE GLITTERING EYES.
THIS ADORABLE FORM BOBBING IN THE WATER!
DON'T COMPARE HIM TO THOSE VIOLENT RAPTORS --!!

ビチ
SPLASH
THANK YOU ...!!
I'M SO HAPPY!!!
THIS IS A PLACE OF DREAMS!!
SPLASH
ビチ
SPLASH
ビチ

IN OTHER WORDS ...
YOU'RE OKAY IF IT'S A TOY.
BECAUSE TOYS DON'T PECK


SOAKED.
I SEE. GOOD FOR YOU...

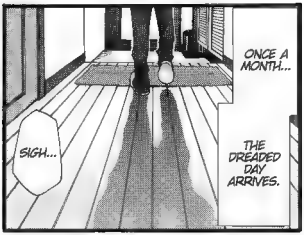
MY FIRST TIME...
TO GET A PRESENT LIKE THIS...

YOU'RE SO HAPPY.
I'M SURE MY GRANDPA, WATCHING THIS SCENE IN HEAVEN, IS PLEASED WITH ME.
THOUGH MAYBE A LITTLE WEIRDED OUT TOO
POOOUR
SPLISH
ビチ
SPLISH
ビチ

AND IT'S A LITTLE DUCKY-- A BATHROOM BASIC FOR HAPPINESS?!
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY!!
WELL, GOOD.

NEXT DAY.
HEY, TATSUMI. DON'T YOU THINK THIS BOAT IS COOL?!
HE'S ALREADY TIRED OF THE DUCK.

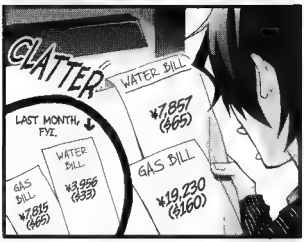
SOB!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN A WASTE?!
SUGAR COAT IT A LITTLE MORE!!
IS A COMPLETE WASTE.
KEEPING THE WATER A CONSTANT TEMPERATURE ALL THROUGH THE DAY...


SIGH...
THE DREADED DAY ARRIVES.
ONCE A MONTH...

YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE YOURSELF, TATSUMI...!
THEN LET ME EXPLAIN IT DIFFERENTLY.
YOU DON'T WORK SO DON'T TALK BACK.
PEOPLE WHO DON'T WORK, DON'T EAT.
RUMBLE...
RUMBLE

REACH
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO AFRAID OF THIS DAY...

AND I MEAN STUFFED WITH OKRA
THE INSIDE OF THE HAMBURGER STEAKS WILL BE STUFFED WITH ONLY OKRA.
IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY...


CLATTER
LAST MONTH, FYI.
WATER BILL
¥7,857 ($65)
GAS BILL
¥19,230 ($160)
WATER BILL
¥3,956 ($33)
GAS BILL
¥7,815 ($65)

IT'S GOOD YOU'RE QUICK ON THE UPTAKE, WAKASA-KUN.
GIVE ME YOUR ORDERS, SUPREME LEADER!!!
SPLASH !!

WHAM
ズドーン
?!
OKAY, WAKASA-SAN. PLEASE STOP HEATING THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
BURBLE
BURBLE
BEEP
BEEP

TH... THIS MANY BOTTLES?!
ROLL
IF YOU FILL PLASTIC BOTTLES WITH WATER AND PUT THEM IN THE BATH, YOU'LL USE LESS WATER OVERALL.
BE QUIET.
BUT THEY'RE FOR DRINKING, NOT BATHING, SUPREME LEADER!!!
I KNOW WHAT PLASTIC BOTTLES ARE, SUPREME LEADER!!
ALSO...
WE SHOULD PUT SOME PLASTIC BOTTLES IN THE BATH.
CLUNK SPLASH
SPLASH CLUNK
TH...
SPLASH CLUNK
THIS IS PRETTY UNCOMFORTABLE...
CLUNK SPLASH
SPLASH CLUNK
SPLASH CLUNK CLUNK
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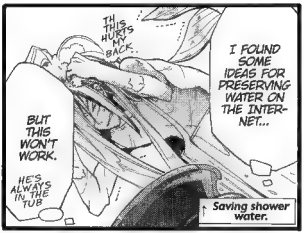
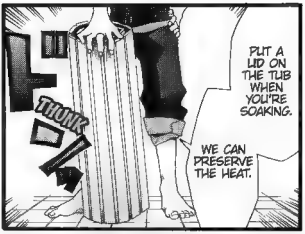
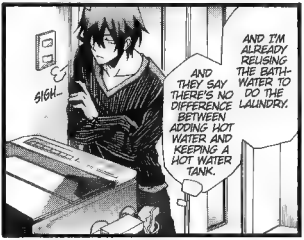
AND HEAVY!
CLUNK SPLASH
IDEA REJECTED
AND NOISY.


I FOUND SOME IDEAS FOR PRESERVING WATER ON THE INTERNET...
BUT THIS WON'T WORK.
HE'S ALWAYS IN THE TUB
TH THIS HURTS BACK
Saving shower water.

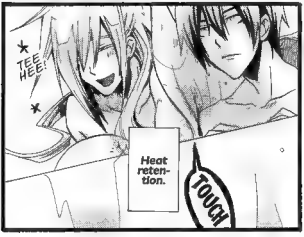

PUT A LID ON THE TUB WHEN YOU'RE SOAKING.
WE CAN PRESERVE THE HEAT.
THUNK


AND I'M ALREADY RELISING THE BATH-WATER TO DO THE LAUNDRY.
AND THEY SAY THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADDING HOT WATER AND KEEPING A HOT WATER TANK.
SIGH

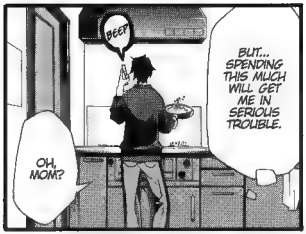
LOOK! LOOK!
I'M JUST A HEAD!
I SEE TAIL.

TATSUMI.
COME TAKE A BATH.
YOU'LL WARM IT UP!

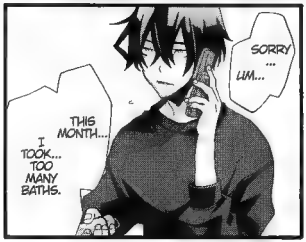
DUCKY...
WIGGLE
SPLASH
SPLASH
WHERE IS THE DUCKY?

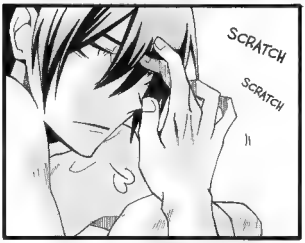

TEE HEE!
Heat retention.
TOUCH

ROLL
ROLL
WONK
SPLASH
I FORGOT TO TELL HIM TO HOLD STILL..


BEEP
BUT... SPENDING THIS MUCH WILL GET ME IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.
OH, MOM?

WAKASA IS SURPRISINGLY TRYING HIS BEST...
IT'S OKAY HANTAN LITTLE WARM!
HE JUST SLIGHTLY HATE OKRA


SORRY ... UM...
THIS MONTH...
I TOOK... TOO MANY BATHS.


SCRATCH
SCRATCH

WE'RE CELEBRATING RIGHT NOW!
HUH...?
Calling...
HOME
080XXXXXXX
OH, TATSUMI!
YOUR DAD AND I ARE SO PROUD.

HUH?! REALLY ?!!
IF I MAKE HIM TOO UNCOMFORTABLE, HE MIGHT AS WELL STILL BE IN THE RIVER.
WE CAN STOP TRYING TO SAVE COSTS.
THERE'S NO POINT ANY MORE
SPLASH

MMM THE SAUCE IS PERFECT.
BEEP
YOU'RE TAKING BATHS NOW!
GREAT!
I'VE BEEN TAKING BATHS FOR YEARS.
WHATEVER
FEEL FREE TO BATHE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!

SPLASH
YEAH!!
ADD QUAIL EGGS, TOO!!
SPLASH
SINCE YOU TRIED, I'LL MAKE YOU HAMBURGER STEAK WITH DEMI-GLACE SAUCE ON TOP.
One pack. 250 yen.

I CAN'T LET YOU SUFFER ALONE, TATSUMI!!
IT'S NOT REALLY SUFFERING...
BY JOB, YOU MEAN WORK, RIGHT?!
SPLASH
SO GOOD~
WELL, SINCE MY WATER BUDGET HAS INCREASED...
I HAVE TO WORK MORE JOBS AND COME HOME LATER.
GRAB...!
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
TO A FREAK SHOW TENT!
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
Beautiful Friendship
EITHER WAY, LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO TAKE A SECOND BATH TODAY.
NO, YOU JUST STAY AT HOME !!
I'LL WORK HARD !
SOAKED
YOU THINK THEY STILL HAVE FREAK SHOW TENTS?
?
Generation gap.

Merman
in My Tub

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CLEOYE
PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE USING IT.

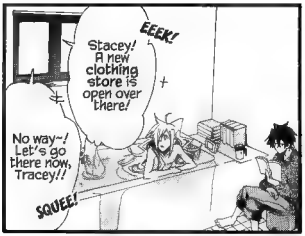
TATSUMI ...!
WE'RE OUT OF SOAP ALREADY!

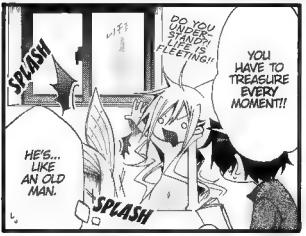
FROM NOW ON, LET'S USE LIQUID BODY SOAP. OLAY HAS A GOOD BRAND.
TWITCH
OLÉ ...?!!
BLUB
↑ Something he got as a gift, as always.

YES. YES...
LATELY, I'VE BEEN RUNNING OUT OF SOAP REALLY FAST.
OH?

CHAPTER 5
OUR MEALS

SPLASH!!
GOOD-NESS !!
IF YOU DON'T PARTY NOW, WHEN WILL YOU PARTY?!
YOUTH IS FLEETING, YOU KNOW!!

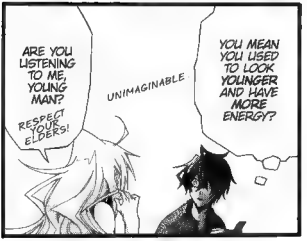

EEEK!
Stacey! A new clothing store is open over there!
No way~! Let's go there now, Tracey!!
SQUEE!


SPLASH
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? YOUTH IS FLEETING!!
YOU HAVE TO TREASURE EVERY MOMENT!!
HE'S... LIKE AN OLD MAN.
SPLASH

TATSUMI ...
WHAT ?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. GO HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS! OR CALL THEM OVER AND HAVE FUN, YOU KNOW?

LATELY...
I'VE REALIZED MY SKIN ISN'T AS TIGHT AS IT USED TO BE AND I DON'T HAVE MUCH ENERGY...

I'LL BE QUIET!
(EVEN IF I DO WANT TO JOIN IN...)
WAKASA ...


ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, YOUNG MAN?
RESPECT YOUR ELDERS!
UNIMAGINABLE
YOU MEAN YOU USED TO LOOK YOUNGER AND HAVE MORE ENERGY?

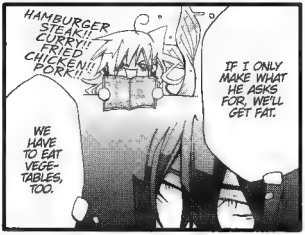
DO I LOOK LIKE THE TYPE TO CALL OVER FRIENDS AND PARTY?
AND YOU CAN'T SLEEP QUIET IF YOU HEAR A WEIRD NOISE!
Thirty Things You Can Do In Your Day

IT'S MY GRANDPA'S. HE PASSED ON, AND IT'S CLOSER TO MY SCHOOL, SO I LIVE HERE ALONE.
MY DAD, MOM AND LITTLE SISTER LIVE AT HOME.
COME TO THINK OF IT.
DOESN'T ANYONE ELSE LIVE IN THIS HOUSE?
WOW-!
SPLASH
YOU'RE SO INDEPENDENT, TATSUMI.
IT'S A PAIN, REALLY.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? ANY FAMILY?
ME?
IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE IF THERE WERE OTHERS LIKE ME!
YOU MEAN OTHER FISH-MEN? OR JUST OTHER FISH-MAN SPAZZES?

OH!
IT'S YOU, TATSUMI!
OUT SHOPPING?!

SUPER-MARKET.
WHAT SHOULD I MAKE FOR DINNER TONIGHT...?

TILT
SOU-SUKE...
WHY ARE YOU FLINCHING LIKE THAT?
YOU BUYING SOME-THING YOU DON'T WANT ME TO SEE? IS IT TAMPONS?
HI
GRIN
GRIN

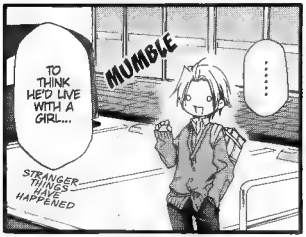

HAMBURGER STEAK!! CURRY!!! FRIED CHICKEN!! PORK!!!
IF I ONLY MAKE WHAT HE ASKS FOR, WE'LL GET FAT.
WE HAVE TO EAT VEGE-TABLES, TOO.

CHICKEN 198

Chicken!!
CHEEEAP!!!
VEGE-TABLES ARE EXPEN-SIVE...
↑ 298 yen.

HM?
YEAH... WELL....
WORSE THAN TAMPONS!
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT PAYDAY?!
MEAT IN YOUR BASKET ?!!
GRAB

FAT !!
Chicken (breast)
50
GULP...
MEAT IS CHEAP...
IT'S LIKE I'VE HEARD CURSED THIS SHOPPING TRIP...


MUMBLE
TO THINK HE'D LIVE WITH A GIRL...
STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED
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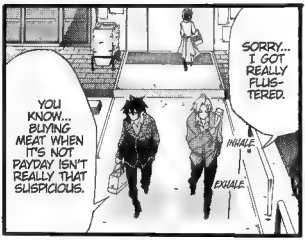

SORRY... I GOT REALLY FLUS-TERED.
YOU KNOW... BUYING MEAT WHEN IT'S NOT PAYDAY ISN'T REALLY THAT SUSPICIOUS.
EXHALE
EXHALE

PFF!!
WELL... KNOWING HIM...
I'M SURE THE GIRL FORCED HER WAY IN.
SEAFOOD SMELL

GRAB
BUT YOU BOUGHT ENOUGH FOR TWO!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE KEEPING THIS A SECRET FROM ME!!

YOU HAVE A LIVE-IN LOVER...
DON'T YOU? ♡
OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT SO MUCH MEAT, RIGHT?

HE DID NOT.
WAIT... DID TATSUMI BUY FISH, TOO?
?
ACHOO!

.....!!
IT'S A MAN...!!
(OR HALF-FISH HALF-MAN)
SHIVER
HEY! DON'T BE EMBARRASSED!

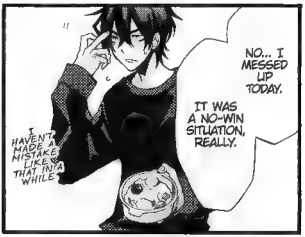
I HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL WHEN I GO SHOPPING...
IF PEOPLE MAKE ASSUMPTIONS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE TRUTH.
CLICK! LISTEN! IT'S BEEN A WHILE

.....!

HERE... DINNER.
OH.
TATSUMI...

ARE YOU KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME...?
I CAN SMELL IT ON YOU
"Today's Menu" Mushroom Pasta
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WAKASA SCARED ME.

SORRY... IT WAS WORSE THAN I THOUGHT.
HERE, EAT THIS INSTEAD
THAT'S WHY I WAS HIDING IT.


I HAVEN'T MADE A MISTAKE LIKE THAT IN A WHILE.
NO... I MESSED UP TODAY.
IT WAS A NO-WIN SITUATION, REALLY.

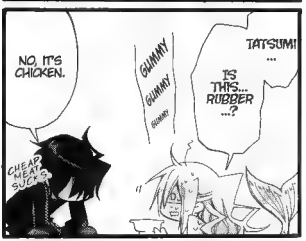
IF YOU CAN'T EAT IT, DON'T FORCE YOURSELF.
I'LL EAT IT MYSELF.
GUMMY GUMMY GUMMY GUMMY
BUT IT REALLY IS A RUBBER CHICKEN.

POFF!
LEAVE THIS TO ME!
I'M HERE FOR YOU AT TIMES LIKE THIS!
IT'S FINE, TATSUMI!
TIMES LIKE WHAT?

SOB
NO WAY!

GUMMY

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH
YOU'RE LETTING OUT MORE WATER!!
I SHOULD JUST MELT AWAY IN THE WATER AND DISAP-PEAR!!
I COULDN'T EAT SOME-THING THAT TATSUMI MADE!!
BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE BUBBLE


NO, IT'S CHICKEN.
GUMMY GUMMY GUMMY
TATSUMI ...
IS THIS... RUBBER ...?
CHEAP MEAT SUCKS

DING DONG
.....!
SHOOT! I FORGOT THAT THIS WAS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH...!

UGH...
CHIRP
CHIRP
I COMFORTED HIM ALL NIGHT.
DING DONG
WHAT A WAY TO WAKE UP.
SPLASH
SPLASH
IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO BE HERE, RIGHT?

TODAY IS...THE DAY MY LITTLE SISTER COMES TO VISIT!
DID YOU HAVE PLANS TODAY?
SORRY

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS...?
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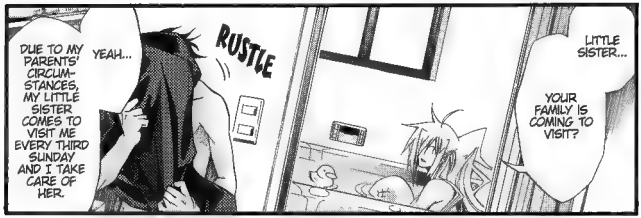

LITTLE SISTER...
YOUR FAMILY IS COMING TO VISIT?
RUSTLE
YEAH...
DUE TO MY PARENTS' CIRCUM-STANCES, MY LITTLE SISTER COMES TO VISIT ME EVERY THIRD SUNDAY AND I TAKE CARE OF HER.

WOW~! I WANT TO MEET YOUR FAMILY, TATSUMI!!
PLEASE UNDER-STAND
THAT... WOULD BE BAD.
CAN WE KEEP YOU A SECRET A LITTLE WHILE...?
CHUCKLE
SURE.

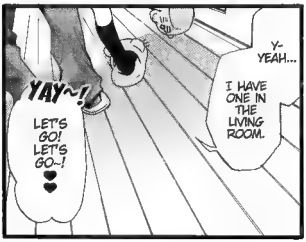
CHAPTER 6
MY SISTER
GLIMMER GLIMMER
GLIMMER GLIMMER
TA-DA! I'M A STATUE!
NO, JUST STAY HOW YOU USUALLY ARE.
OR ELSE I'LL DRY UP

AMUSEMENT PARK? AQUARIUM?
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TODAY?
OH... UM, KASUMI...
HMM, WELL...
TAP TAP TAP
HM?
JEEZ~!!
YOU TOOK FOREVER, BIG BRO-THER~!!
SORRY...
SOMETHING SMELLS FISHY.
.....
I SMELL A MYSTERY, WATSON
TAP TAP
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
FISHY...?

WHISPER
FOR NOW, WEAR SOME OF MY CLOTHES.
IF SHE JUST GLANCES AT YOU, SHE WON'T FIGURE IT OUT.
WHISPER
WAKASA!
TATSUMI!
GET THROUGH LUNCH WITH THIS
HUH

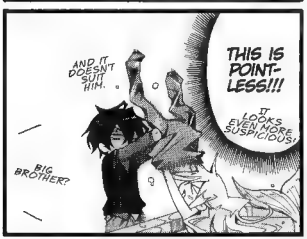
LET'S PLAY AT HOME TODAY!!
HUH ...?
YOU HAVE A WIL DON'T YOU, BIG BROTHER?

WOW~!
SO THIS IS CLOTHING~!


Y-YEAH...
I HAVE ONE IN THE LIVING ROOM.
YAY~!
LET'S GO! LET'S GO~!

STICK
IT'S HEAVIER THAN I THOUGHT

WAKASA...
GLANCE


THIS IS POINT-LESS!!!
IT LOOKS EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS.
AND IT DOESN'T SUIT HIM.
BIG BROTHER?

I HOPE HE'S OKAY...
AND SHE SAID I SMELLED..?!
EVEN THOUGH I BATHE EVERY DAY?!!
SNIFF
SNIFF

WAKASA ...
I WONDER IF THAT WAS ENOUGH FOOD FOR LUNCH.

HUG
TODAY IS A DAY FOR SIBLINGS TO PLAY AND DEEPEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP...
WAKASA! YOU CAN'T GET IN THEIR WAY...!

HUH? 3 P.M.?
SHOOT, I FORGOT TO GET HIM AN AFTERNOON SNACK.
SHOULD I BRING HIM SOME CAKE? I DON'T GUESS THAT WOULD LOOK SUSPICIOUS.

QUIETLY. QUIETLY...
WOW~! YOU'RE SO BAD AT THIS GAME, BIG BROTHER~!
YOU WERE JUST LUCKY.
CHATTER
CHATTER

I'M BOOORED!
NO AFTERNOON SNACK TODAY?!
TATSUMI!!
KNOWING HIM, I REALLY EXPECTED...
A TANTRUM, OR SOMETHING.
SPLASH
SPLASH
A MERMAN?

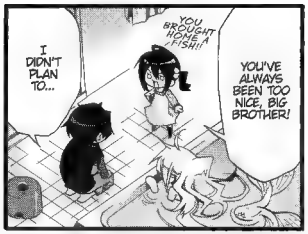
YOUR CAKES ARE SO DELICIOUS, BROTHER! GIVE ME MORE~!
THERE'S CREAM ON YOUR FACE. CALM DOWN WHEN YOU EAT.
CHATTER
CHATTER

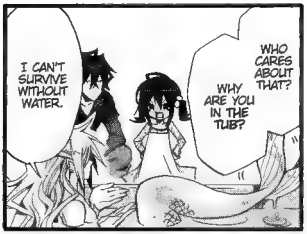
HE CAN'T STOP WORRYING.
BOOM
DID HE RUN AWAY ...?!
BIG BROTHER... YOU SUCK AT GAMES...

SNIFFLE
SPLISH

FREEZE
HIS SISTER...!
HUH...?
WHY IS BIG BROTHER'S SHIRT LYING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?
↑ Pretending to be a statue.
RATTLE
TATSUMI...!
SPLASH
GASP!
THERE'S DEFINITELY A DIFFERENT SMELL MIXED IN.
YEAH...
HMMM.
?!
SNIFF
HAPPINESS..
BUT...THE SMELL OF BIG BROTHER IS DEFINITELY THE BEST!
SNIFF
Wakasa: The Witness!!

SPLOSH
I DIDN'T KNOW...
THAT BEING ALONE COULD BE THIS LONELY...
HEY --!!!
DON'T TOUCH MY BRO-THER!!
PERVERT!!!
I WAS SUSPICIOUS FROM THE START!!
I KNOW YOU'RE IN HERE!!
YOU SEDUCED MY BIG BROTHER, YOU EVIL WO--
BAM
MAN...
YOU'RE TEN YEARS TOO LATE TO GET CLOSE TO MY BIG BRO-THER!!!
I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE HIS BRIDE!!!
ANY WOMEN OR MEN WHO FLY TOWARD MY BROTHER ARE INSECTS...
TO BE SQUISHED!
SHUK
A FISH ?!!
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?
I'M NOT AN INSECT!
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
MAN !!!!
TAT-SUMI~!
SPLISH
SPLISH


I DIDN'T PLAN TO...
YOU BROUGHT HOME A FISH!!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOO NICE, BIG BROTHER!

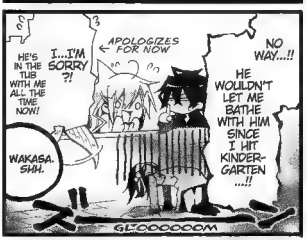

I CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT WATER.
WHY ARE YOU IN THE TUB?
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?

YEAH, ISN'T THAT ONE OF HIS GREAT QUALITIES?
MOST PEOPLE WOULD NEVER BE SO KIND TO A STRANGER.

HUH?
YEAH, SOMETIMES.
TATSUMI USUALLY JUST SHOWERS
THEN, IT CAN'T BE...!
DO YOU TAKE BATHS TOGETHER WITH BIG BROTHER...?

I KNOW MORE ABOUT BIG BROTHER'S GREAT QUALITIES THAN YOU!!!
WH... WHAT?
AS IF YOU WOULD KNOW!!

SPLISH
SPLOSH
YAP
YAP
HUMB
HUMB


HE'S IN THE TUB WITH ME ALL THE TIME NOW!
I...I'M SORRY ?!
APOLOGIZES FOR NOW
NO WAY...!!
HE WOULDN'T LET ME BATHE WITH HIM SINCE I HIT KINDERGARTEN ...!!
WAKASA SHH.
GL'OOOOOOM

NO FAIR.
I WANT TO LIVE WITH YOU, TOO...
HE'S SO SHY EVEN THOUGH HE'S JUST A FISH
OH, JEEZ...
I'M SORRY FOR HIDING THIS FROM YOU.
THIS GUY IS WAKASA.
HE'S LIVING WITH ME.
KASUMI...
WILL YOU HELP KEEP THIS A SECRET?
IF YOU DO, WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO NEXT VISIT.
A BOY LIKE YOU...
YOU'RE GOING TO GROW UP TO BE A SCARY MAN.
I'LL THINK OF LOTS OF THINGS
YOU NATURAL GIGOLO
BIG BROTHER!
SHE WENT HOME HAPPILY.
TAKING CARE OF ONE KID IS ENOUGH.
STARE

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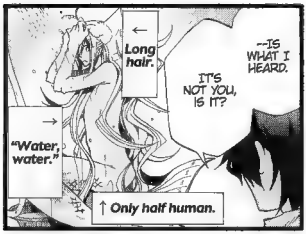

Long hair.
"Water, water."
Only half human.
--IS WHAT I HEARD.
IT'S NOT YOU, IS IT?

OH ...?
SO, RUMOR HAS IT...
A GHOST HAS BEEN APPEARING AT THE PARK.

RIGHT.
I DON'T THINK I SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO GO OUT OF THE HOUSE.
SHAA
HEY, I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO MOVE AROUND ON LAND THAT MUCH!
SPLISH
SPLISH

I HEAR HIS HAIR IS LONG LIKE SADAKO AND HE COMES TOWARD YOU MOANING "WATER... WATER..."
AND THAT GHOST...
OR SOMETHING.
DEATH BY DROWNING?
BEEP
BEEP

CHAPTER 7
MIKUNI'S VISIT

WHY ARE YOU MAKING A FACE LIKE THAT?

LOOK, TATSUMI. I'M PRETTY SOLDIER SAILOR MOON! ☆
RIGHT... HOW ARE YOU A PRETTY "GIRL" AGAIN?

LEMME BORROW YOUR PHONE A SEC.
FOR WHAT?
ALL RIGHT, STAND SIDE BY SIDE...!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ALL RIGHT, SAY CHEE--

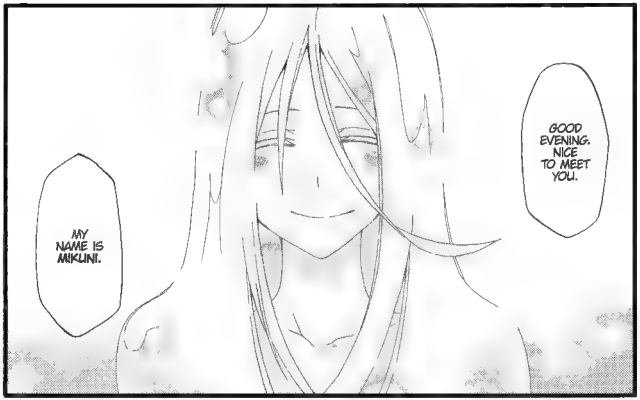
RATTLE!
EEK!
WH...
WHAT?

--SE.
CLICK
PIKA-

HEY, I'VE COME TO PLAY~!
NUGGLE

SHWUP
SOME-THING IS THERE...!

"OCTO-STEW" FOR TAKASU?
I THOUGHT IT WAS OCTO-STEW
SPLOSH
OH... IT'S JUST TAKASU.
WHEW
WHAT A FORCED PUN!


GOOD EVENING. NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME IS MIKUNI.

HEY...
WAIT A SECOND.
WOBBLE
DON'T GET CLOSE... YOU'RE ...!
IT CAN'T BE
HE'S TRANS-PARENT...
I'M OFTEN IGNORED, SO I WAS JUST ABOUT TO HEAD BACK HOME.
STARE
THANK GOODNESS YOU NOTICED ME!

STIIIIING
A JELLY-FISH...!!
PLEASE BE MY FRIEND TOO.
TATSUMI-KUN.

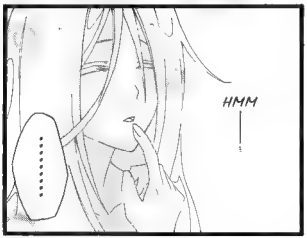
DON'T LIE! YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR OVER A CENTURY!!!
BZZZZZZZZ
GWAAAH
HOW MEAN! I'M NOT AN OLD MAN YET~!!

HUH?
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN THE "GHOST."
PROBABLY
STINGGG
ARE YOU OKAY?!

HUH...?
HAVE YOU GOTTEN SMALLER?
OR IS IT MY IMAGINATION!
OH!

DID YOU ASK FOR WATER YESTERDAY IN THE PARK NEAR SECOND STREET?
PARK...
SECOND STREET...
YESTER-DAY...
IT FREAKED A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT

YES!
IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH WATER, I START TO SHRINK!


HMM
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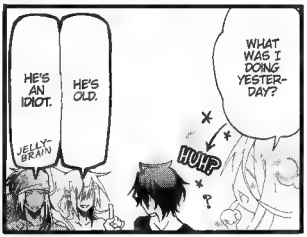
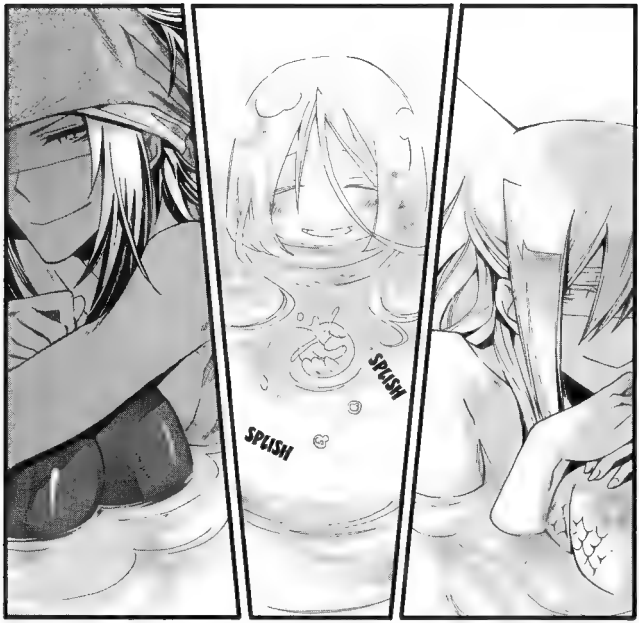
THE BODY OF A JELLY-FISH IS 99% WATER.
HURRY UP AND GET IN!
MAKE ROOM, YOU GUYS!!
OH! THAT'S WHY I WENT TO THE PARK! TO GET SOME WATER!
POFF


HE'S AN IDIOT.
HE'S OLD.
JELLY-BRAIN
WHAT WAS I DOING YESTER-DAY?
HUH?


SPLISH
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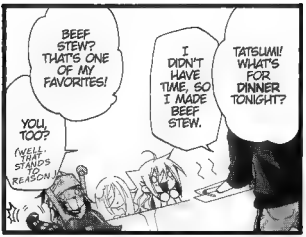
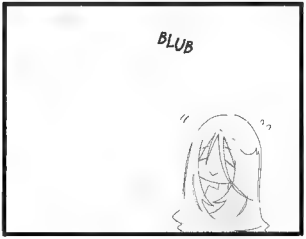
SILENCE
Overflow
IT'S... BEEN A WHILE SINCE MY BATHROOM HAS BEEN THIS QUIET...

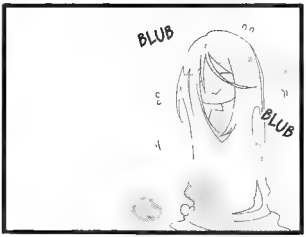

BEEF STEW? THAT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITES!
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME, SO I MADE BEEF STEW.
TATSUMI! WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
YOU, TOO?
(WELL, THAT STANDS TO REASON.)

LIKE A DRIED SHIITAKE MUSH-ROOM?
I'LL GROW BACK TO NORMAL SIZE SOON.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

HUH ...?
UM...
HERE, YOUR SHARE.


BLUB

I'M FINE WITH WATER!
BUT I DO APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS


BLUB
BLUB

YOU'RE PRETTY AGGRESSIVE TODAY, TATSUMI.
IT'S NOT POISONED!
...!!
PLEASE... DIG IN!!

JELLY-FISH HAVE A THERA-PELITIC EFFECT.
YOU'RE RIGHT AMAZING
TA-DAN!
SEE!
CLAP
CLAP

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM VERY FULL.
I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
OH...
HUH ...?

HE'S NOT JUST BEING POLITE. MIKUNI CAN LIVE ON ONLY WATER.
HE'S SUPER ECO-FRIENDLY.
I SEE...
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT ANY-THING?

HE REALLY LEFT...
OH! THAT SPOT IS GREAT.
THAT GUY LIKES TO WANDER--!
EVEN THOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE THAT, HE DOESN'T LIKE STAYING IN ONE PLACE.

UM...
HM?
WELL, COULD I ASK YOU FOR SOMETHING... SPECIAL?
!
OF COURSE.

HMM...

I'D...
I'D LIKE TO TRY DRINKING SOME SMART WATER.

YOU'RE ALREADY PREPAR-ING FOR HIS NEXT VISIT?!!
YOU, HIM LIKE THESE BECAUSE HE ONLY DRINKS WATER?!
HE CAN COME AND VISIT ANYTIME.

N...
NEVER MIND. I'M SORRY. I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
IS THIS ENOUGH ?!
BA-BAM!

I UNDERSTAND!!
IT'S A COMPETITION NOW! LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE GOT!!!
DO YOU LOVE EATING OCTOPUS?!!
HUH?
SURE. I GUESS
IT'S KIND OF HARD TO ADMIT IT TO HIM
HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MYSELF!!
3"
I...!!
ME, TOO! I CAN BECOME SASHIMI FOR YOUR SAKE, TATSUMI !!!
EEE! I'M SCARED OF SHARP THINGS!!
RAZOR
ビチ SPLASH
SPLASH ビチ
SPLASH ビチ
THIS SHOULD HELP YOU OUT!!!
YANK ちぃん!!
I...
I DON'T NEED YOU TO MUTILATE YOURSELVES, GUYS...
WAKASA!! STOP YOU'LL CUT ME!!
WH-WHAT ABOUT SEEING SCARED ILL CUT MYSELF!!
WIGGLE WIGGLE WIGGLE WIGGLE
SPLISH SPLASH SPLISH SPLASH
INDIRECTLY, MIKUNI CAUSED EXTRAORDINARY DAMAGE.

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CHAPTER 8

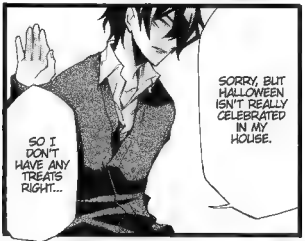
HALLOWEEN AT MY HOUSE

GOOD-NESS!
TATSUMI ISN'T QUICK ON THE UPTAKE.
MIKUNI'S ALL FLUSTERED NOW.
FLUSTER
HUH ...?!
OH... UM...
FLUSTER
AND...
WHAT'S WITH THOSE HANDS?
THUMP THUMP
OH... IT'S YOU.
TA-DAA!
IT'S OCTOBER 31ST TODAY!
HALLOWEEN! ☆
THEY ALL GOT COSTUMES?
I VANT TO SUCK YOUR BLOOD
RWAR--!
ABRACADABRA!
HALLOWEEN-- A TIME TO REMEMBER THE DEAD, KEEP AWAY DEMONS AND EVIL SPIRITS...
AND DRESS UP IN COSTUMES AND PARTY.

I'M REQUESTING A DO-OVER.
ALL RIGHT... WAIT.
HUFF
HUFF

TRICK OR TREAT !!!
SO!

THAT'S WHAT HALLOWEEN IS ALL ABOUT.
IT WAS A SURPRISE FOR YOU ALL TO SHOW UP HERE.


SO I DON'T HAVE ANY TREATS RIGHT...
SORRY, BUT HALLOWEEN ISN'T REALLY CELEBRATED IN MY HOUSE.

GIVE ME THIRTY MINUTES TO PREPARE.
TWENTY MINUTES...
NO.

NOW--
GLEAM

NO. IF HE'S TAKING THIRTY MINUTES, HE'S PROBABLY GOING TO THE SUPERMARKET FURTHER AWAY--!
TATSUMI-KUN IS A VERY EARNEST BOY.
IS HE GOING TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE?
HE'S SO PROPER!
SPLISH
SPLISH

TRICK THEN!
THREE AGAINST ONE ISN'T FAIR...!!!
WAIT... STOP ...!
AUGH.!!
TICKLE TICKLE!

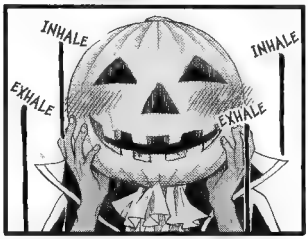
I MADE THEM!!
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE CLOTHES?
AREN'T THEY GREAT? AREN'T THEY GREAT?
GLOOOW
BLOW

ONE HOUR LATER.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
GA-CHAK
YOU'RE LATE!!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
I WAS WOR-RIED.

YEAH... THEY'RE AMAZ-ING...
THOUGH THEY'RE A LITTLE SCARING ME!
WELL, PUTTING THE TWO OF YOU ASIDE...

IT WAS MY FIRST TIME, SO I HAD SOME DIFFICUL-TIES...
DUDUK
JACK O' LANTERN-SAN!!
DID YOU MAKE IT YOURSELF?! YOU'RE AMAZING, TATSUMI!!

WHY ARE YOU CROSS-DRESSING, WAKASA?
THE SAD TRUTH IS...


INHALE
INHALE
EXHALE
EXHALE

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE REALLY INTO IT, THOUGH.
THERE ARE BETTER COSTUMES FOR BLONDE WOMEN THAN BLOND MEN.

OCTOPI LOVE DARK, CRAMPED PLACES.
SO DON'T PLAY WITH IT AND GIVE IT HERE
I'M GOING TO LIGHT IT.
NO! MINE!

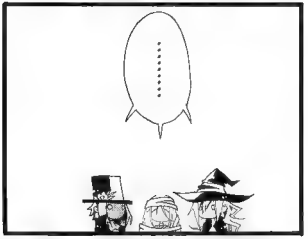
TRICK OR TREAT!!
ガチャ
GA-CHAK
TRICK OR TRICK!!
ガチャ
GA-CHAK
I'M KID-DING!!!
TRICK OR TREAT!
ガチャ
GA-CHAK
WATER CANDY
IS THIS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO WORK...?
CHATTER
CHATTER
TATSUMI! HURRY!!
BRING THE CANDY AGAIN...!!
KA-CHUNK...
WELL, THAT'S DONE NOW...

M...ME, TOO. HONESTLY, I'VE GOTTEN REALLY EXCITED!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SUCH A THING...
AMAZ-ING...!!
WE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF CANDY!!
MOUNTAIN

BAM!
I THINK WE'VE DONE IT ENOUGH.
WAIT A SECOND!
TENTH TIME.
TRICK OR TREEE--!

HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOUR SHARE, TATSUMI?
I'M ON THE GIVING SIDE.
I'LL GET SOME DRINKS

I'M STILL HUNGRY ...!
NO... IT'S NOT ENOUGH, TATSUMI ...!!
MORE...
I WANT MORE--!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SPARKLE
SPARKLE
TATSUMI-KUN...

にゃあ
GRRRRR
GRAB

KYAAA!!
I GET IT ALREADY!!
HERE! TAKE IT!!
TOSS
IT BECAME MORE LIKE SCATTERING RICE AT A WEDDING.

HERE, TATSUMI.
YOU'RE THE YOUNGEST HERE.
?!
POFF
ON HALLOWEEN, ALL CHILDREN SHOULD RECEIVE SWEETS.
WHAT?!
I DON'T WANT TO!

"OR."
"TRICK."
"TREAT."

TRICK
OR
TREAT
MUMBLE
...
IT

HERE!
PLEASE TAKE THIS!
I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF MINE, TOO!
WAH HA HA!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOME OF MINE, TOO--!!
WHAT KIND DO YOU LIKE?

I HAD FUN, TOO!
THANKS, TATSUMI!
IT WAS REALLY FUN!
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!
!!
OLD
YOUNG
ALL AS IT SHOULD BE
WHY DO I FEEL SO EXHAUSTED...?
OOPS!
SO...?
YEAH!!!
ARE YOU GUYS SATISFIED?
ALL RIGHT...
NOW IT'S A BIT LATE, BUT LET'S HAVE DINNER.
SMASH
JACK-SAN --!!!
YOU MONSTER!!
HOW MEAN--!!
MONSTER
MONSTER
SOME PUMPKIN STEW SOUNDS GOOD

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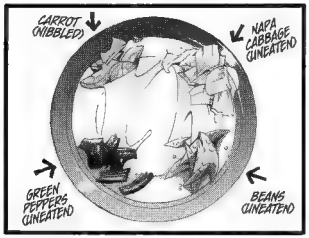
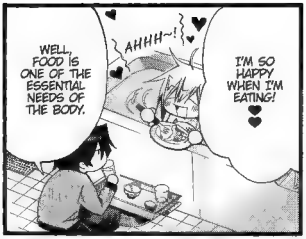

CARROT (NIBBLED)
NAPA CABBAGE (UNEATEN)
GREEN PEPPERS (UNEATEN)
BEANS (UNEATEN)


AHHH~!
WELL, FOOD IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF THE BODY.
I'M SO HAPPY WHEN I'M EATING!

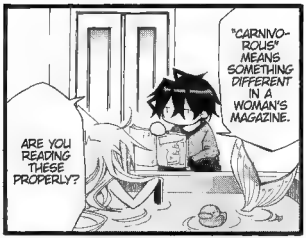
"Today's Menu"
Vegetable Stir Fry
PIIIIIII
HAVE A LITTLE MORE OF THAT "DELICIOUS" FOOD, WHY DON'T YOU?

THANK YOU! IT WAS DELICIOUS!
SURE.
I'LL GO CLEAN UP.
SPLOSH

CHAPTER 9
THE TREND IN MEN NOWADAYS

WHY
THEY DON'T TASTE GOOD!
THEY'RE BITTER...!!
AND THEY'RE NOT TRENDY!!
"TRENDY"?
I'VE WANTED TO SAY THIS FOR A WHILE NOW.
WHY DON'T YOU EAT YOUR VEGETABLES?
SNAK
SNAK
SMIRK
NOWADAYS...
CARNIVORES ARE MORE POPULAR.
THIS MONTH IN WOMAN HEAVEN, "A SPECIAL ON 'CARNIVOROUS' MEN."
SMIRK

YANK
NO. NO. NO. NO.
YOU'VE ONLY BEEN TAKING SHOWERS LATELY, RIGHT?


"CARNIVOROUS" MEANS SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN A WOMAN'S MAGAZINE.
ARE YOU READING THESE PROPERLY?

PUMP PUMP
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RELAX LIKE THAT.
TAKING THE TIME TO SOAK IS IMPORTANT.
IT'S FINE. I CAN SHAMPOO MYSELF...!

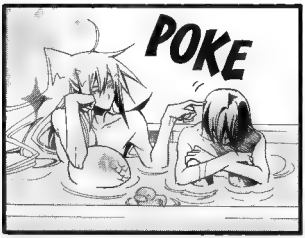
OF COURSE I AM!
I'M AN AVID READER.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HURRY UP AND TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES.
WHY?

DON'T BE SO TENSE...
COME ON.
LEAVE EVERY-THING TO ME.

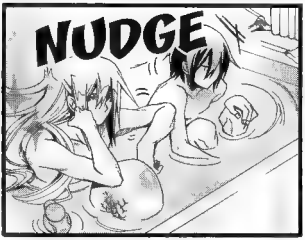
GLITTER
THE WATER WILL GET COLD.
HURRY UP AND JOIN ME.
GLITTER
GLITTER

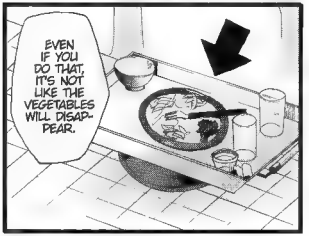
WELL?
DOES IT FEEL GOOD...?
SPLISH
SPLISH

HIS FACIAL EXPRESSION IS THE ONLY THING THAT CHANGED...


POKE

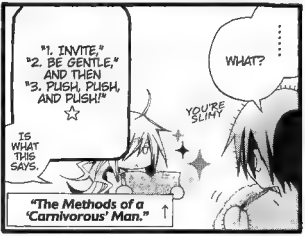
GA-CHAK
HEY, THAT'S ENOUGH.
ENOUGH WITH THE SMIRKING.
UNSHIRK


NUDGE


EVEN IF YOU DO THAT, IT'S NOT LIKE THE VEGETABLES WILL DISAPPEAR.

PUSH PUSH PUSH PUSH

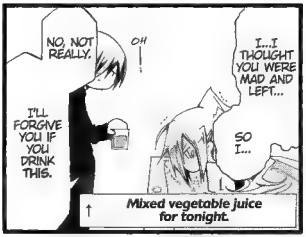
WHEW.
HE BACKED DOWN A LITTLE.


"1. INVITE," "2. BE GENTLE," AND THEN "3. PUSH, PUSH, AND PUSH!"
IS WHAT THIS SAYS.
WHAT?
YOU'RE SLIMY
"The Methods of a 'Carnivorous' Man."

CARROT
ST-STOP! TATSUMI!
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAD A STOMACH-ACHE FROM VEGETABLES BEFORE AND NOW I'M SCARED OF THEM...!
I...I'M FINE!

IF YOU CAN'T EAT THEM, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
SORRY FOR TRYING TO FORCE YOU.
I SEE...

KA-CHUNK
TA...
TATSUMI ...?


NO, NOT REALLY.
OH
I...I THOUGHT YOU WERE MAD AND LEFT...
I'LL FORGIVE YOU IF YOU DRINK THIS.
SO I...
Mixed vegetable juice for tonight.

ALONE...
IS HE... MAD...?
IS IT BECAUSE I WAS ACTING LIKE A BRAT...?

THAT WAS FAST...
GULP!

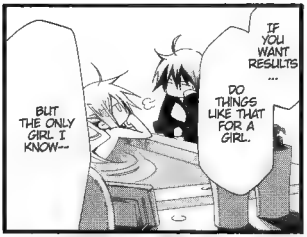
GLARE
.....
.....
!

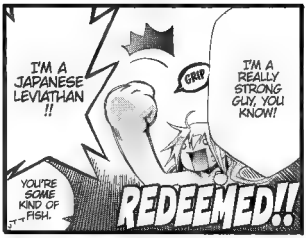
TOO FAST.
YOU TRIED TO CHUG IT...
COUGH COUGH!!
YOU OKAY?
PAT PAT

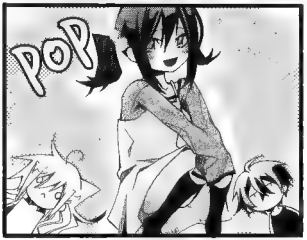
TAT-SUMI!!!
GA-CHAK
WAKASA.
CAN YOU DRINK VEGETABLE JUICE...?

AND DELI-CIOUS...
IS HE ACTING "SEXY" ON PURPOSE?
SUCK
IT'S SWEET...

YOU STOPPED BEING A CARNI-VOROUS MAN?
GR..IT!
I ATE THEM!!


IF YOU WANT RESULTS ...
DO THINGS LIKE THAT FOR A GIRL.
BUT THE ONLY GIRL I KNOW--

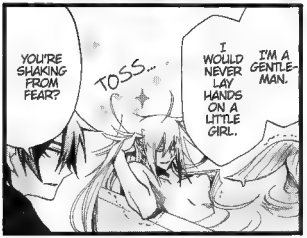

I'M A JAPANESE LEVIATHAN !!
GRIP
I'M A REALLY STRONG GUY, YOU KNOW!
YOU'RE SOME KIND OF FISH.
REDEEMED!!


POP

I CAN TAKE ON ONE OR TWO OF YOU, NO PROBLEM.
TWITCH

HEY...
KASUMI IS OFF LIMITS.
FU FU...

COME ON, LET'S GO.


I'M A GENTLE-MAN.
I WOULD NEVER LAY HANDS ON A LITTLE GIRL.
TOSS...
YOU'RE SHAKING FROM FEAR?

I UNDER-STAND. YOU CAN PUT DOWN YOUR ARMS NOW.
SPLISH

I SEE. I SEE.
THEN WHOEVER CAN PUSH THE OTHER PERSON'S ARM DOWN ON THE TABLE WINS.
BOTH OF US HOLD HANDS WITH OUR ELBOWS ON THE TABLE.
HERE WE GO? READY...
ARM WRES-TLING?!
WHAT'S THAT?!
CLATTER
COME OUT A SECOND
CLATTER
WELL, I'M INTERESTED IN HOW MUCH STRENGTH YOU HAVE.
LET'S DO SOME ARM WRESTLING.
WHUNK
SHWIP
I'LL TEACH EVERYONE HOW TO DO THIS!!
SHWIP
THIS IS FUN!!
He was way too confident.
TATSUMI THOUGHT WAKASA WAS MORE OF A TROUT THAN A SEA SERPENT.

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EEK! TATSUMI ?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PERVERT ?!!
JEEZ!!

GA-CHAK
WHEE!
WHEE!

BLECH. STINKY.
"STINKY" ?!

?!
SPLASH

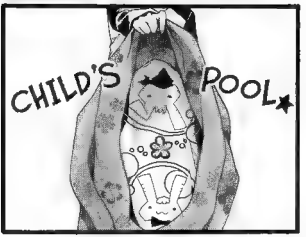
CHAPTER 10
CLEANING OF MY BATH

OKAY.
I HAVE TO CLEAN THE TUB NOW.
WHICH MEANS I NEED YOU OUT OF IT.
!!

IT'S MY FAULT. I HAVEN'T CLEANED THE WATER DRAIN SINCE YOU STARTED LIVING HERE.
SO, YES, IT STINKS.
OH... OH, THANK GOOD-NESS. YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ME.

TAT-SUMI!
SOB
ARE YOU TRYING TO DRY ME UP--?!
SHWIP

DOES IT SMELL THAT BAD?
SNIFF
SNIFF
I THOUGHT YOU HAD A GOOD SENSE OF SMELL.
FOR A FISH


CHILD'S POOL

SMILE!
WELL, THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THAT RIVER.

SUPER INTERESTED
TEMPORARY ACCLIMATIZATIONS
WE'LL USE THIS.

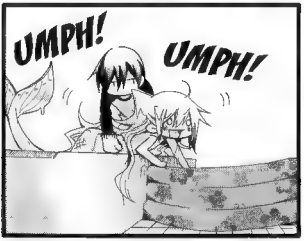
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THE WILD IF YOU'RE SO SENSITIVE, TATSUMI.
THE OUTDOORS MUST BE...VERY TOUGH.
LAZY SPLASH
HE DOES HAVE A GOOD ATTITUDE ABOUT IT

I JUST NEED TO BLOW INTO THIS?
SO WE HAVE TO BLOW IT UP WITH OUR MOUTHS...
RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T FIND THE PUMP.
AIR PUMP
THIS IS NORMALLY FILLED WITH AIR, BUT...
WHAT A PAIN
SIGH
BULGE
FFFF!
MY PERSONAL BATH...
CAPTIVATED
GULP...!
WAKASA HAS SURVIVED IN THE WILD...!
I ACTUALLY RESPECT HIM A LITTLE NOW

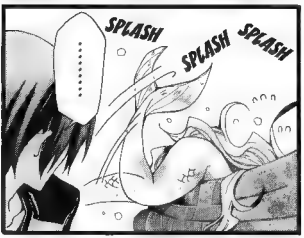
OKAY ---!!!
I LIKE YOUR ATTI-TUDE.
BE PATIENT WITH THAT UNTIL I FINISH CLEANING.
SCRUBBB

SPLASH
OKAY!!
ONCE THERE'S ENOUGH WATER, MOVE OVER TO THIS.
THERE.

TREMBLE
WHOA...
IT'S GOTTEN PRETTY BAD.
NEEDA CHALLENGE


UMPH!
UMPH!

SLIP
KONK


SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
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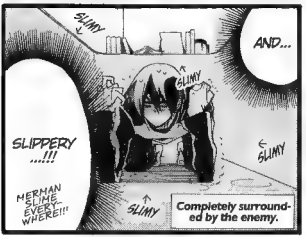
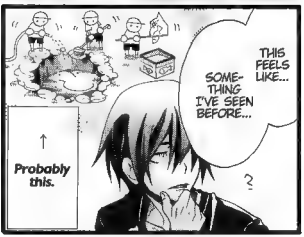

SLIMY
SLIMY
SLIMY
SLIMY
AND...
SLIPPERY ....!!!
MERMAN SLIME EVERYWHERE!!!
Completely surrounded by the enemy.

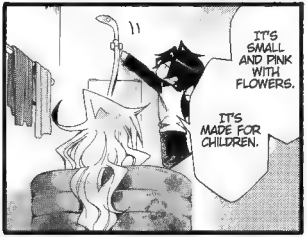

THIS FEELS LIKE... SOME-THING I'VE SEEN BEFORE...
Probably this.

Soaking. ↓
FLORAL SCENT
NOW TO WAIT.
I THINK THIS ABOUT DOES IT.
WELL...
STARE
IT'S SO BOUNCY AND FUN.
ぽよん
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
ぽよん
STARE
SO NICE... SO NICE!
AHH...
LOUNGE
ぐにゃー
THE HOT WATER IS DRAINING OUT!
Com-pletely relaxed.

BIG BRO-THER ...!!
IF YOU WERE GOING TO PLAY IN THE POOL, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING!! LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!!
SEE!!
BAM!
EEK!
BUT, WHY IS THERE BODY INSIDE?!

WELL, IT'S NOT MADE FOR ADULTS, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WHAT ?!
IT WASN'T MADE FOR ME?!
SHAA

YOU SHOULD HAVE INVITED ME~!
DON'T BE SO DISTANT!
CLING
CLING
CLING


IT'S SMALL AND PINK WITH FLOWERS.
IT'S MADE FOR CHILDREN.

SLURCH...

TATSUMI ...

SO SLIMY ...
WHY IS THIS SLIMY STINKFISH IN MY WAY...?
DO I STILL STINK?!
SNIFF
SNIFF
BOTH OF YOU, CALM DOWN.

HUH?
FERAL INSTINCT.
FOR SOME REASON, I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING.
SIGH
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

"TATSUMI JUST CALLED ME.
"HE ASKED ME WHERE THE AIR PUMP WAS.
"DO YOU KNOW, KASUMI-CHAN?"
THAT'S BECAUSE OF MOM.
KASUMI IS ONLY SUPPOSED TO COME THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.
I DON'T MIND THAT, BUT WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO VISIT TODAY?
I WAS IN SUCH A HURRY
I'M SORRY FOR USING THE EXTRA KEY TO ENTER WITHOUT PERMISSION.
しょ!!
PROOF
"I HAVE IT!"
JUMP
"OH, OKAY! SO I'LL TAKE IT TO TATSUMI--"
"NO NEED. I'LL GO!"
TAKE ME THERE
AND SO, I ENDED UP COMING TO VISIT?
I PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS.
AND IT ENDED UP BEING ALL FOR THE FISH...
SLIP
AND MOM WASN'T SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS TURN OF EVENTS?

SO LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER!
WHAT ?!!

I HAVEN'T SEEN BIG BROTHER IN A TUB IN A LONG TIME.
SO...
YOU CAME TO PLAY IN THE POOL?

NOPE!!
I CAME TO TAKE A BATH WITH YOU!
OH, A BATH.
PERSONAL BATH SET

IF I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT HIM?!
LAST TIME YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING, RIGHT?!
WELL I HAVEN'T!
PEACE!
FIDGET
FIDGET

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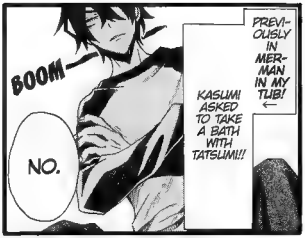
TATSUMI!!
IT'S BAD TO LIE!!
YOU'RE TERRIBLE, BROTHER! SO YOU LIED?!!


PREVIOUSLY IN MERMAN IN MY TUB!
KASUMI ASKED TO TAKE A BATH WITH TATSUMI!!
BOOM—
NO.

SPLASH SPLASH
SO MEAN!
YEAH! LIES ARE BAD!
WAKASA ?
Two against one.

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO WANT THAT.
WHY---?!
YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO WHATEVER I WANTED!!

CHAPTER 11
FORCED BATH

T-T-TRYING TO TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS...
TH-TH-THAT WON'T WORK, UNDER-STAND?
TSK
Conflicted.

I... CAN'T.
GIVE ME A GOOD REASON --!!
OR I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A SMACK --!!

IT'S A REQUEST FROM YOUR CUTE LITTLE SISTER, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO HER, TATSUMI.
!
FISH-SAN...!

KASUMI...
EVEN THOUGH WAKASA'S A MERMAN, HE'S STILL A MAN.
I CAN'T ALLOW A MAN TO SEE MY SISTER NAKED BEFORE MARRIAGE.

EEEE!
HIGH-FIVE!
A MAN SHOULD KEEP HIS WORD. ☆
JEEZ !
YOU'RE A VERY UNDER-STANDING FISH! ☆
EEEE!

THROB

SLIP
!!!
SPLOSH
ど!!
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WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?
?

I'M SO STICKY...
WHAT IS THIS...?

TA... TATSUMI ...
IT HURTS ...!
DEAD
YOU OKAY...?
SOUNDS LIKE SHE HIT YOU HARD
WOBBLE...

OUCH...
I HIT MY HEAD...
WOBBLE
KASUMI... I HOPE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
BUT A BATH IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

BEEP
HOT WATER COMMENCING.
A FORCED BATH HAS BEGUN.
?!

BIG BROTHER, LET ME WASH YOUR HAIR.
I'LL USE MY FAVORITE SHAMPOO
JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT
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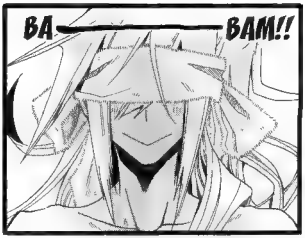

BA——BAM!!

YAAAAY!
YAAAAY!
DOES ANYTHING ITCH?
A LITTLE TO THE LEFT

Y...
YEAH...
THIS WORKS, RIGHT?!
IT'S FINE!! I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!!
SPLASH
ビチ
SPLASH
ビチ

LET ME WASH YOUR BACK TOO!!
NO
I MEAN SAY TO GOING TO WASH IT!!
FIRM!
WAIT, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THAT!! KASUMI

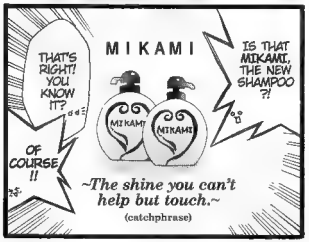
TONK

DON'T HAVE SO MUCH FUN WITHOUT ME!!!
ビエ
SOB
YEAH, KASUMI!!

.....
SORRY. DID I HIT SOME-THING?!
GOOD JOB, FISH-SAN!!!
HUH?
HUH?
DRIBBLE

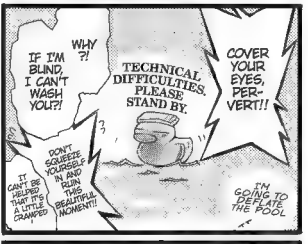
GOOD-NESS...
YOU'RE A GROWN-UP. YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO SULKY, YOU KNOW?
!
THAT'S ...!
PUMP
PUMP

WIGGLE WIGGLE
THE TWO OF US FINALLY GOT TO BATHE TOGETHER!!
HEY!! WHY ARE YOU JOINING IN?!

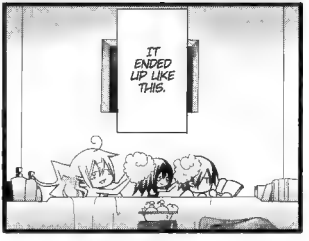

MIKAMI
IS THAT MIKAMI, THE NEW SHAMPOO ?!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU KNOW IT?
OF COURSE !!
MIKAMI
MIKAMI
~The shine you can't help but touch.~
(catchphrase)

FOAM
FOAM
I...
I'LL WASH YOU, KASUMI!
DON'T LEAVE ME OUT!!
GYAA--!
OUT?! YOU WERE NEVER IN!!

YOU...
OH, MY FINGERS SLIDE THROUGH SMOOTHLY
AND IT SMELLS SO NICE!
I SAW IT IN A MAGAZINE! IT LOOKED REALLY NEAT!
IT'S SO CUTE!

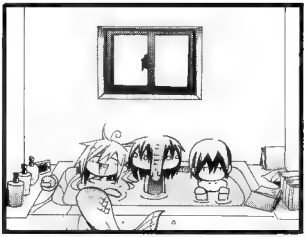

WHY ?!
IF I'M BLIND, I CAN'T WASH YOU?!
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. PLEASE STAND BY.
COVER YOUR EYES, PER-VERT!!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT IT'S A LITTLE CRAMPED
DON'T SQUEEZE YOURSELF IN, AND SUPPLY THIS BEAUTIFUL MOMENT!!
I'M GOING TO DELAY THE POOL

WHAT?! AMAZING! AND THIS SPONGE!
YOU REALLY UNDER-STAND!
LOOK! THIS IS THE MIKAMI BRAND BODY WASH!!
IT'S A LIMITED-EDITION BONUS.
WOW !!!
SOOO CUUUUUTE--!

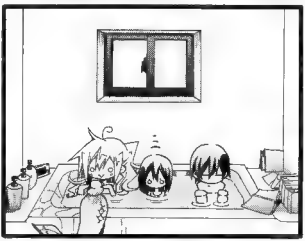

IT ENDED UP LIKE THIS.

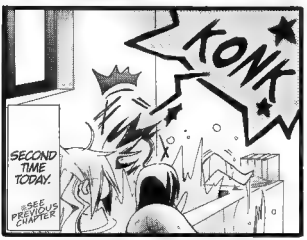
I WAS RUDE TO YOU AND SAID A LOT OF MEAN THINGS...
SCRUB
SCRUB
YOU'RE SUCH A... STRANGE PERSON...
STRANGE ?!!
SO WHY ARE YOU STILL SMILING AT ME...?
I WASN'T REALLY BOTHERED BY ANY OF IT.
OF ALL THE CHILDREN I'VE MET...
I THINK YOU'RE THE CUTEST.
UM
THIS
WAS ASLEEP.
WHA?
HUH?
DON'T WORRY, BIG BROTHER!! I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU!!!
SPLAAASH
BLINK
I...!!
I'M NOT REALLY BLUSHING, OKAY?!!

SPLASH
!
I'M SURE THIS IS ENOUGH
I'VE BEEN IN TOO LONG...



ISN'T IT DANGEROUS TO LEAVE THE TWO OF US ALONE?!
WHY?
WAIT, BIG BRO-THER!!
PULL
PULL




KONK
SECOND TIME TODAY.
SEE PREVIOUS CHAPTER

BUBBLE
BUBBLE

I'M SOWWIE...
CLINGY
THAT'S DANGEROUS.
HMMM

IT'S A BIT DIFFICULT TO SOAK TOGETHER.
PWAH!
SPOK
SORRY, SORRY, I THINK THIS IS TOO MUCH WATER FOR YOU.

SH SHE'S LOOKING THIS WAY.
OH!! FISH-SAN!!
Y... YES?!
UFU FU!
THAT WAS A GREAT BATH. ♥
THANK YOU, BIG BROTHER!
YOU'RE WELCOME.
THIS IS FOR YOU.
TOUCH
C...CELL-PHONE...?!!
THA-THUMP!
FOR CENTURIES, THE JAPANESE HAVE KNOWN...
I'M GOING TO LEND IT TO YOU FOR A WEEK, SO TAKE A LOT OF PICTURES OF BROTHER'S DAILY LIFE!!
I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A BOTTLE OF MIKAMI SHAMPOO, OKAY?!
I'LL GET IT FROM MOM!!
WHISPER
MY OWN MIKAMI ...?!!
SHIVER
FRIENDS WHO BATHE TOGETHER...
STAY TOGETHER.
AND MAKE SURE TO TAKE PICTURES FROM ALL SORTS OF ANGLES!!

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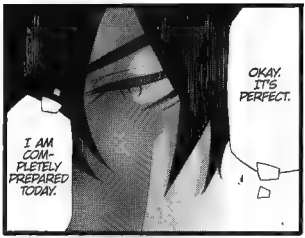
HM?
WAIT. HUH ...?
YOU'RE ALONE?
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER TWO?
TAKASU AND MIKUNI AREN'T HERE.
SPLASH
SPLASH

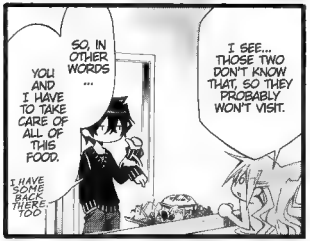

OKAY. IT'S PERFECT.
I AM COMPLETELY PREPARED TODAY.

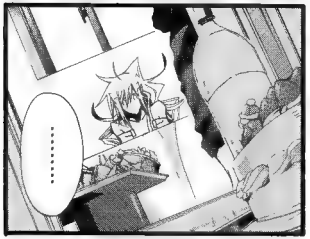
GLANCE
NO...
I WASN'T REALLY HOPING...
GLANCE
WERE YOU HOPING THEY'D BE?
THEY'RE REALLY NOT HERE?

GA-CHAK
M...
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!

CHAPTER 12
CHRISTMAS AT MY HOUSE

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE, SO I THOUGHT THEY WOULD DEFINITELY BE HERE.
CHRIST-MAS?


I PREPARED DINNER AND A CAKE. I EVEN BROUGHT OUT THE CHRIST-MAS TREE.
I GUESS IT WASN'T NECES-SARY.
BUT... CHRISTMAS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US, RIGHT?


IT'S JUST AN OLD MAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, ISN'T IT?

I SEE.
SO THAT'S HOW THEY LOOK AT IT
THE "OLD MAN" BEING JESUS CHRIST, WITH OVER 2,000 CANDLES ON HIS CAKE.

WAIT!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BIRTHDAY GUESTS TO CELE-BRATE?!
I DON'T THINK SO.
HE MUST'VE LEARNED A FEW THINGS WRONG IN THE RIVER.

I SEE... THOSE TWO DON'T KNOW THAT, SO THEY PROBABLY WON'T VISIT.
SO, IN OTHER WORDS ...
YOU AND I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF THIS FOOD.
I HAVE SOME BACK THERE TOO

.....

SINCE THEY AREN'T COMING, IT CAN'T BE HELPED!!
HE LOOKS MERRY ENOUGH.

OH! THERE'S A JELLY CAKE, TOO!
AND THE FOOD IS SO FANCY!!
THE CAKE IS SO ROUND!!
WOW!!
IF YOU EAT IT ALL, YOU'LL GET A STOMACH-ACHE.
BLUB BLUB

YOU'RE SO HONEST WITH YOUR DESIRES.
S...SINCE IT'S ALL PREPARED, LET'S DO IT RIGHT!!

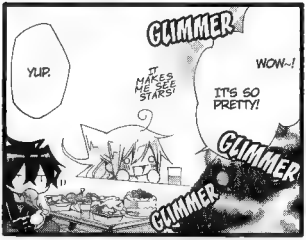
CLINK★
LET'S SAY "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO CHRIST-SAN.
WELL, TATSUMI.

SPLISH
NO, IT'S FANTA
WOW~! THIS IS WINE?!
SIP
THIS FEELS LIKE ANY OTHER DAY WITH WAKASA.

VRRNNN
VRRRNNN
HM? MY PHONE.

YEAH!
CLICK
WELL, LET'S TURN ON THE TREE.

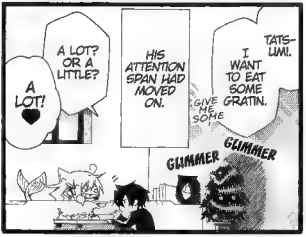
BEEP
HEEEY, TATSUMI.
WANT TO COME OVER TO MY HOUSE AND PLAY SOME GAMES?
EVERY-ONE ELSE IS OUT ON DATES AND I'M BORED!


GLIMMER
YUP.
IT MAKES ME SEE STARS!
WOW~!
IT'S SO PRETTY!
GLIMMER
GLIMMER

.....
SORRY...
I HAVE PLANS

GLIMMER
.....
.....
GLIMMER

BEEP!!
YOU, TOO?! DAMN TATSUMI !!!
NO, I'M WITH MY ROOM-MATE!
MUNCH
MUNCH
YOU TRAITOR~!!
HEY!! WAIT SOU-SUKE
12 YEARS


A LOT? OR A LITTLE?
A LOT!
HIS ATTENTION SPAN HAD MOVED ON.
TATS-UMI. I WANT TO EAT SOME GRATIN.
GIVE ME SOME
GLIMMER
GLIMMER

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! TATSUMI!
DO YOU HAVE ANY SOCKS?
EVERYONE HAS SOCKS.

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MUNCH
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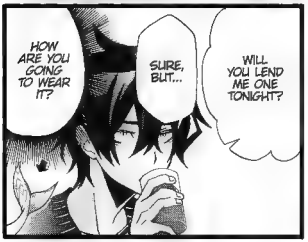
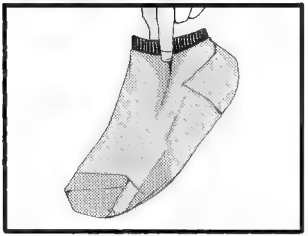
MUNCH
ANOTHER MISUNDER-STANDING...
OH WELL, GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER

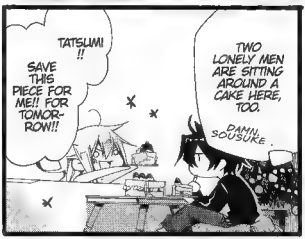

WILL YOU LEND ME ONE TONIGHT?
SURE, BUT...
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR IT?

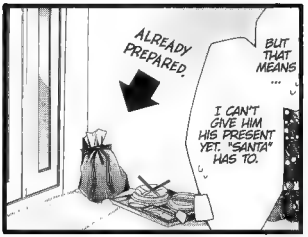
I HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVAN-TAGE OF THIS LUXURY !!
YOU HAVE CREAM ON YOUR FACE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT SO MUCH.
WE CAN LEAVE SOME FOR TOMOR-ROW.

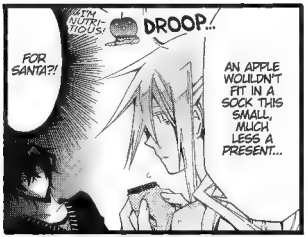


THAT SLIGHTLY HARDENED CREAM IS DELICIOUS
I THINK CAKE THE NEXT DAY TASTES JUST AS GOOD.

WHAT IS THIS?!!
I ONLY HAVE THIS KIND OF SOCK.
STRETCH
TOO SMALL!!!
STRETCH


TATSUMI!!
SAVE THIS PIECE FOR ME!! FOR TOMOR-ROW!!
TWO LONELY MEN ARE SITTING AROUND A CAKE HERE, TOO.
DAMN SOUSUKE.


ALREADY PREPARED.
BUT THAT MEANS...
I CAN'T GIVE HIM HIS PRESENT YET. "SANTA" HAS TO.


I'M NUTRI-TIOUS!
DROOP...
FOR SANTA?!
AN APPLE WOULDN'T FIT IN A SOCK THIS SMALL, MUCH LESS A PRESENT...

EXCITED
EXCITED
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WILL I BE ABLE TO SLEEP, THOUGH?!
SO, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO SLEEP?
RATTLE
RATTLE

FLUSTER
FLUSTER
HE BELIEVES IN SANTA!
I...
I'M SURE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM?
I'M SURE SANTA DOESN'T HAVE TO PUT THE PRESENTS IN A SOCK--

OKAY!
DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. SANTA'S POWERS CAN GET HIM IN.
NO, THAT'D BE DANGER-OUS.
OH!
SHOULD I LEAVE THE WINDOW UNLOCKED?!
CH!
WHERE SHOULD I PUT THE SOCK?
ANY-WHERE IS FINE

!

KA-CHUNK...
IT'S HARD PLAYING SANTA.
THANK YOU MOM AND DAD

YES!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HE'S SO EXCITED!
SQUEEZE!

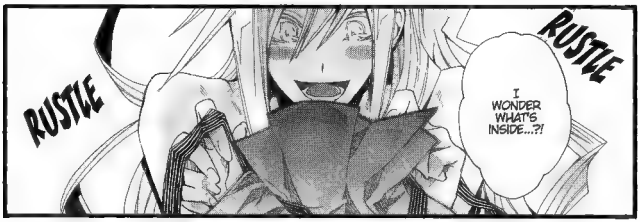
COME TO THINK OF IT...
HOW DOES HE SLEEP IN THE TUB...?
WHAT IF HE DOESN'T SLEEP?

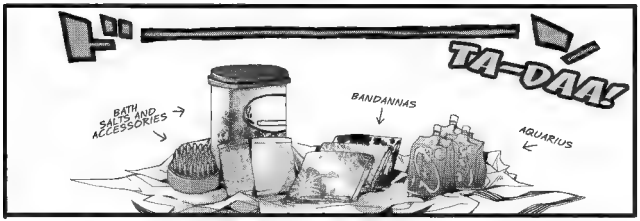
2:00 A.M.
HE SHOULD BE SLEEPING BY NOW.

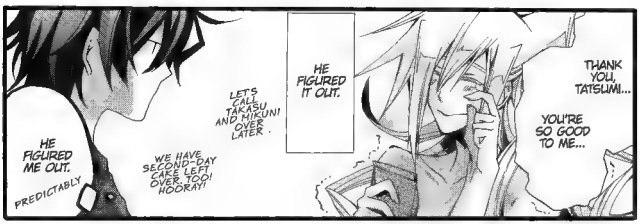
FLINCH
ドク!!

BURBLE BURBLE
BURBLE BURBLE
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
BREATHING THROUGH THE GILLS...?!

I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A FAIRY TALE!!
WHAT?!
DAZED
GOOD FOR YOU.
SPLISH
AMAZING! AMAZING! SANTA REALLY CAME!!
WOW --!!
THE NEXT MORNING.
SPLISH
SPLISH


RUSTLE
I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE...?!
RUSTLE


TA-DAA!
BATH SALTS AND ACCESSORIES
BANDANNAS
AQUARIUS


HE FIGURED ME OUT.
PREDICTABLY
WE HAVE SECOND-DAY CAKE LEFT OVER, TOO! HOORAY!
LET'S CALL TAKASU AND YUKUNI! OVER LATER.
HE FIGURED IT OUT.
THANK YOU, TATSUMI...
YOU'RE SO GOOD TO ME...

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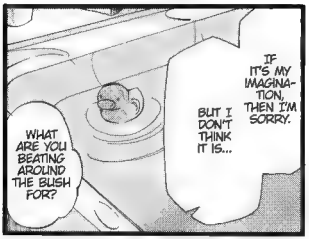
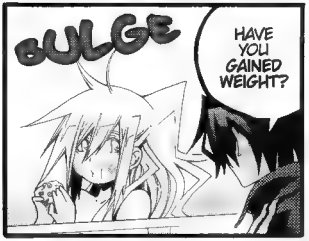

IF IT'S MY IMAGINATION, THEN I'M SORRY.
BUT I DON'T THINK IT IS...
WHAT ARE YOU BEATING AROUND THE BUSH FOR?

STAAAARE
WH... WHAT IS IT, TATSUMI?
DO YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?!


BULGE
HAVE YOU GAINED WEIGHT?

HEY, WAKASA.
NO, I DON'T NEED ANY
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SAY SOME-THING...

CHAPTER 13
WAKASA'S WEIGHT

SQUISH
YOU'VE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.
LITERALLY FROM HEAD TO TOE
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST CHAPTER?
LAST CHAPTER...?
NO WAY~!
IT IS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, TATSUMI!
I THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T NOTICED.
BULGE
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YUM!
I HAVEN'T SWAM FOR HALF A YEAR.
HMM...
WELL... TO BEGIN WITH...
YUM!
うき
OWWIE!
WOW, IT PINCHES STRETCHY REAR.
RIGHT.
SO IT SEEMS YOU KNOW THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM.

WHEW!
WELL....
TO BE HONEST, I'D RATHER NOT CARRY YOU THERE... ESPECIALLY IN YOUR CURRENT STATE.

TH... THAT'S BECAUSE...
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE, TATSUMI...!
COME TO THINK OF IT... LATELY, YOU HAVEN'T SPLASHED AROUND MUCH.

HUH?
MERMEN HAVE SPECIAL METHODS?
FLIP
THAT'S RIGHT!!
IT'S EASY TO LOSE WEIGHT WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

N... NO...
I'LL SPILL THE WATER.
SPLISH
YOU SHOULD SPLASH AROUND AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

Quick Slimming Supplements
Just Take a Few Pills a Day!
I JUST HAVE TO TAKE THESE.

がっし!
GRAB!
LET'S GO TO THE RIVER WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE WATER BILL.

DRUGS AREN'T A QUICK FIX.
PINCH

HEEEK!
THE TRUTH COMES OUT.
I DON'T WANT TO MOVE!!

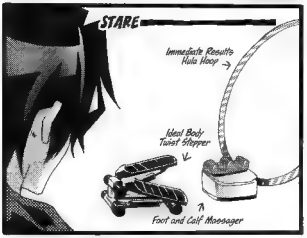
DU-DUN!
NOW, IT'S TIME TO EXERCISE.
WH...
WHAT'S ALL OF THIS...?
THESE ARE ALL THINGS I'VE SEEN ON THE "ON ORDER" MAIL-ORDER CHANNEL
FOR ME...?!
THESE ARE THE WEAPONS...
...MY MOTHER USED TO FIGHT WEIGHT GAIN.
THIS HOUSE HAS A LOT OF THINGS IN IT WE NO LONGER NEED.
GULP!
A MOTHER'S BATTLE...!

TATSUMI...
I'M FAAAAT!
GOOD. NOW YOU'RE MOTIVATED.
HOW DO I GET NOT-FAT?!
WELL....

ACCORDING TO MOM...
YOU GET FAT AS YOU GET OLDER.
SO I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, EVEN IF YOU USED TO BE HANDSOME.

STARE
Easy Treadmill for the Home
Easy Weightloss Inner Thigh Machine

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TATSUMI?!
SAYING SUCH MEAN THINGS SO EASILY!!
GRAB
I'M STILL IN MY PRIME...!!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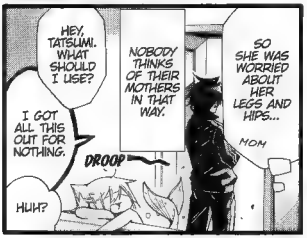
Immediate Results Hula Hoop
Ideal Body Twist Stepper
Foot and Calf Massager

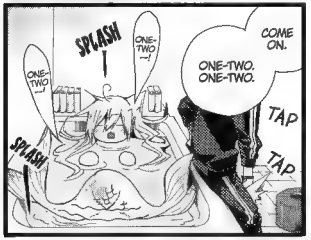
WOBBLE


HEY, TATSUMI. WHAT SHOULD I USE?
I GOT ALL THIS OUT FOR NOTHING.
HUH?
DROOP
NOBODY THINKS OF THEIR MOTHERS IN THAT WAY.
SO SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HER LEGS AND HIPS...
MOM

WAKASA KILLED ME
SO HEAVY...

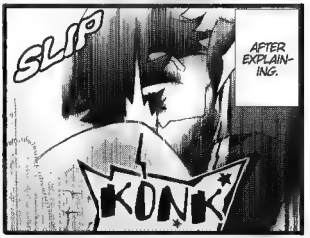
I THINK SPLASHING AROUND WOULD BE FASTER.
HERE. FEEL FREE, WAKASA.
UGH...
MY STOMACH IS TWITCHING
NNGH

WE SHOULDN'T RELY TOO MUCH ON MACHINES.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE SHOULDN'T-!
WHEW!
KA-CHUNK
OH, GOD, BAD

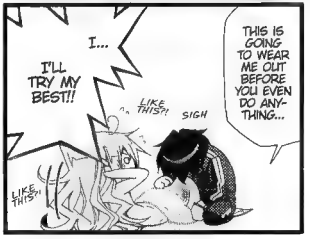

COME ON.
ONE-TWO. ONE-TWO.
ONE-TWO...!
ONE-TWO...!
SPLASH
SPLASH
TAP
TAP

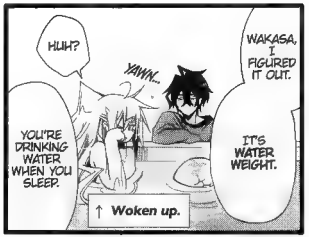
500 SIT-UPS, 500 PUSH-UPS, AND 500 BACK STRETCHES.
WE'LL START FROM THERE.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THOSE, BUT...
YOU'RE REALLY SCARING ME!

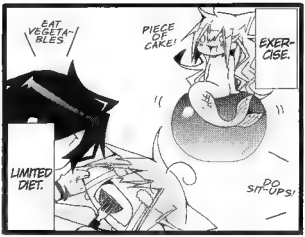
.....
MUMBLE
IF YOU GET BACK TO NORMAL, I'LL GIVE YOU A DOUBLE HAMBURGER STEAK.
WITH TWO DIFFERENT SAUCES ON YOU.


AFTER EXPLAINING.
SLIP
KONK

AS USUAL, YOUR DESIRES ARE TRANSPARENT.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

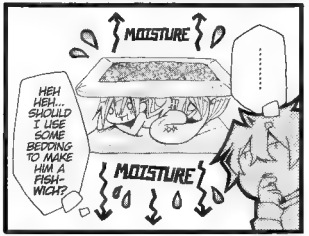

THIS IS GOING TO WEAR ME OUT BEFORE YOU EVEN DO ANYTHING...
SIGH
I...
I'LL TRY MY BEST!!
LIKE THIS?!
LIKE THIS?!


HUH?
YAWN..
WAKASA, I FIGURED IT OUT.
YOU'RE DRINKING WATER WHEN YOU SLEEP.
IT'S WATER WEIGHT.
↑ Woken up.


EAT VEGETABLES
PIECE OF CAKE!
EXERCISE.
LIMITED DIET.
SIT-UPS!

OH, SO THAT'S WHY...
LOOKS LIKE YOU DRINK IT UNCONSCIOUSLY WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY.
MY STOMACH FEELS SO FULL WHEN I WAKE UP...?

GOOD-NIGHT.
STRANGE...
HALF-BATH.
BULGE
HE ISN'T LOSING ANY WEIGHT.
DON'T SINK DOWN


MOISTURE
MOISTURE
HEH HEH... SHOULD I USE SOME BEDDING TO MAKE HIM A FISH-WICH?

BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
HE COULDN'T EVEN IF HE WANTED
IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S SNACKING AT NIGHT...
GLUB
GLUB
GLUB

TATSUMI-SAN...?
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?

FOUND THE PROBLEM!
FWAP

TO KEEP YOU FROM WASTING THE WORK YOU DO IN THE DAY...
I'LL KEEP WATCH.
GRAB
YOU'RE DRINKING. YOU'RE DRINKING.
GLURB
STOP THAT.
AFTER THREE WEEKS OF THIS REGIMEN...
BUBBLE...
...GLUB...
WORKING HARD DAY AND NIGHT, WAKASA WENT BACK DOWN TO HIS ORIGINAL SIZE.
AND...
TATSUMI LOST EVEN MORE WEIGHT THAN WAKASA DID.

Merman
in My Tub

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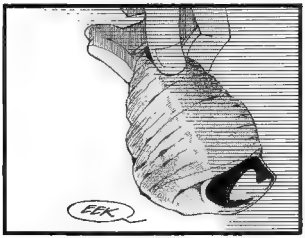
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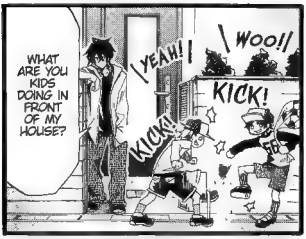

WHAT ARE YOU KIDS DOING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?
YEAH!
WOO!!
KICK!
KICK!

THIS IS...
GENTLY

SO MUCH ENERGY
WAH?!
WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT KICKING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AROUND?
LIFT
RUN!

CHAPTER 14
MAKI'S STEALTHY APPEARANCE

DON'T BE SO SULKY! COME OUT.
AH HA HA! I'M KIDDING, MAKI.
LONG TIME NO SEE.

GR-CHAK
I MUST BE BEARING THINGS RIGHT
HEY, WAKASA.
NO, IT CAN'T BE.
THIS THING IS TOO SMALL...

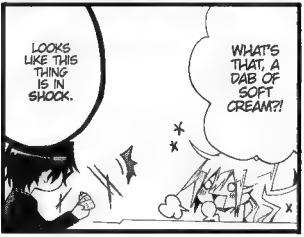
NO...
MUMBLE
THERE'S A HUMAN OUT THERE ...
POKE
AND IT'S REALLY BRIGHT, TOO...
IT'S AWFUL
POKE
MUMBLE

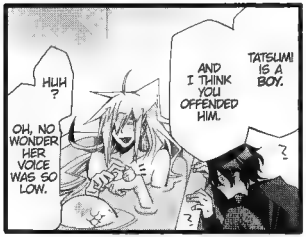
I THOUGHT I SHOULD AT LEAST ASK.
WELL?
WELL, WHAT...?

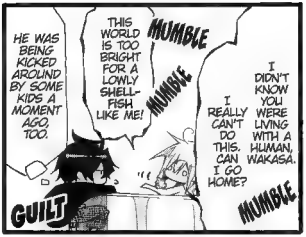
HMPH!
AH!
TWIRL

STARS
MUNCH MUNCH

THEY HURT BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS HIDE IN DARK PLACES!
GOODNESS!
MY EYES...
MY EYES
A TINY PERSON ...?!
GYAAAAAAAH!


LOOKS LIKE THIS THING IS IN SHOCK.
WHAT'S THAT, A DAB OF SOFT CREAM?!


TATSUMI IS A BOY.
AND I THINK YOU OFFENDED HIM.
HUH?
OH, NO WONDER HER VOICE WAS SO LOW.

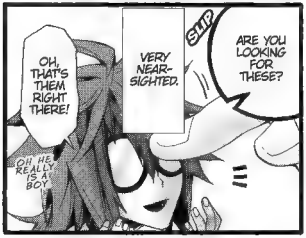

HE WAS BEING KICKED AROUND BY SOME KIDS A MOMENT AGO, TOO.
THIS WORLD IS TOO BRIGHT FOR A LOWLY SHELL-FISH LIKE ME!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
I REALLY CAN'T DO THIS. CAN I GO HOME?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE LIVING WITH A HUMAN, WAKASA.
MUMBLE
GUILT

HM?
HUH... COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE DID I PUT THEM...?
HE DOESN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION AND HE WASN'T ACTUALLY LOOKING AT YOU!
TATSUMI! DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD!
WOMAN?
DO I LOOK LIKE ONE?

AND I'M TOO EMBARRASSED...
TO MEET WAKASA'S GIRL-FRIEND THIS SOON.

STUCK
HOW STRANGE

I SHOULD JUST GO DIE
I CAME TO VISIT WITHOUT EVEN MAKING AN APPOINT-MENT.
I'M SO SORRY.
GLANCE
GLANCE


OH, THAT'S THEM RIGHT THERE!
VERY NEAR-SIGHTED.
SLIP
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THESE?
OH HE REALLY IS A BOY!

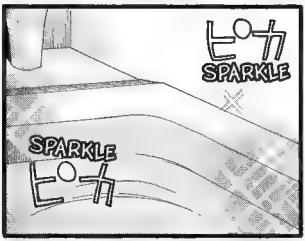
?

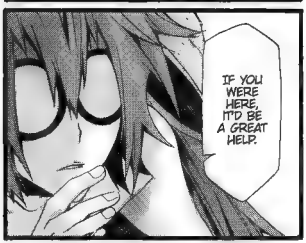
AND... EVEN AT A TIME LIKE THIS, I GET HUNGRY AND HAVE NO SENSE OF MANNERS.
GROWL~~~
LATELY, MY EYESIGHT HAS GOTTEN EVEN WORSE ...
I'M STARTING TO WONDER HOW BAD IT CAN GET.
WELL, THERE'S NO POINT IN SOMEONE LIKE ME SEEING SUCH A BRIGHT WORLD ANYWAY.
LICK
LICK
SIGH...
THIS IS WHY I GET KICKED AROUND BY HUMANS SO EASILY...
IT'S REALLY FITTING FOR ME TO GROVEL AROUND ON THE GROUND.
LICK
LICK
?!!
LLLLICK
LICK

I COULDN'T!
NO WAY!
THAT'D BE... RUDE!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT THE SLIME OFF OF WAKASA'S BODY?

I KNOW THIS...!
THEY'RE IN THE AQUARIUMS AT THE PET SHOP...!
GASP!
LICK LICK LICK
THEY EAT THE SLIME.

I SEE...
BUT YOU'RE AMAZING.


ピカ SPARKLE
SPARKLE ピカ

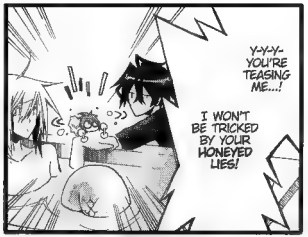

IF YOU WERE HERE, I'D BE A GREAT HELP.

ピカ SPARKLE
SPARKLE ピカ

WAS THAT A COMPLI-MENT?!
NO WAY...!!
WAS...
WAS I JUST COMPLI-MENTED...?
NOD
SNIFFLE

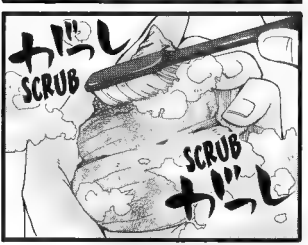
GOOD-NESS, YOU PUSHED YOURSELF TOO FAR AGAIN.
I ATE TOO MUCH. I FEEL SICK...
UGH...

MUMBLE
HUMANS ARE CRUEL ...!
PLAYING WITH AN INNOCENT SHELL-FISH LIKE ME...
MUMBLE
THIS WAS A GOOD LESSON FOR ME
HM?
THIS IS...


Y-Y-Y-YOU'RE TEASING ME...!
I WON'T BE TRICKED BY YOUR HONEYED LIES!

TAT-SUMI!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MAKI?!
TAKE ME, TOO!

I'M SERIOUS.
THEY'RE NOT LIES.
TATSUMI! YOU'RE SO COOL!
REACH!


SCRUB
SCRUB

SLIP
TA...
TATSUMI-SAN...
TWITCH

TOOTH-BRUSHES ARE AMAZING !!
YOU'RE PRETTY DIRTY.
YOU SHOULDN'T GET IN A TUB LIKE THAT.

SEE ?!
MEN ARE ALL ALIKE! THEY SAY ONE THING AND DO ANOTHER!!
YECCCH... GROSS...!
LET ME GO...!

AH HA HA!
I CAN'T BRUSH MYSELF.
LIKE THE TOP IS IMPOSSIBLE!
SEE? I TOLD YOU. HE'S PRETTY WHATEVER.
CLEANING HIMSELF SEEMS TO HAVE CLEANED UP HIS PERSONALITY.
SHINE
SHINE
THAT WAS A GREAT BRUSHING.
I FEEL COMPLETELY REFRESHED.
IT'S BEEN YEARS
WHO ARE YOU?!
.....
STARE....
THIS IS NICE...
DO YOU NEED A CUP, TOO?
FOR WHAT?
IF YOU WANT IT... I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU.

!
PERFECT SIZE!
THAT'S BIG FOR YOU. I'LL GIVE YOU THIS INSTEAD.
↑ Flossing brush.
SCRUB
SCRUB
SO THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ABLE TO REACH A SPOT THAT ITCHES!
AHH~! THIS IS GREAT!
THE BEST!!
IT MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH FOR YOU TO BE SO SMALL...
.....
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SMALL.
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW HOW TINY MY EXISTENCE IS...
MUMBLE
SIGH...
I GOT TOO BIG-HEADED...
I'M SORRY I'LL GO HOME AND IMMEDIATELY-
AND HE'S BACK TO SELF-DEPRECATING AGAIN.
YEAH, IT GETS OLD.

Merman
in My Tub

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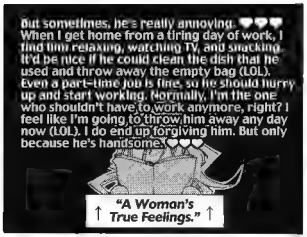
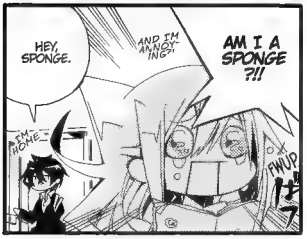
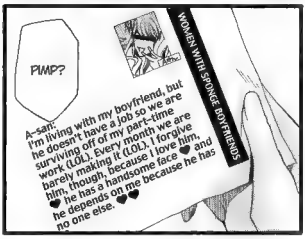
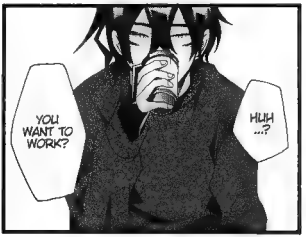
But sometimes, he's really annoying. ♥♥♥ When I get home from a tiring day of work, I find him relaxing, watching TV, and snacking. It'd be nice if he could clean the dish that he used and throw away the empty bag (LOL). Even a part-time job is fine, so he should hurry up and start working. Normally, I'm the one who shouldn't have to work anymore, right? I feel like I'm going to throw him away any day now (LOL). I do end up forgiving him. But only because he's handsome ♥♥♥

↑ "A Woman's True Feelings." ↑

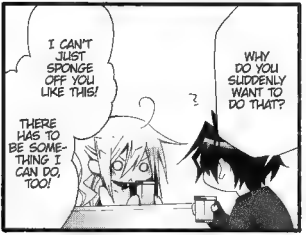


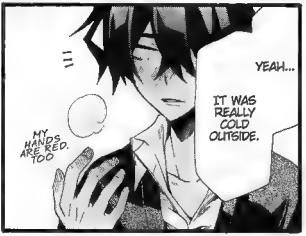


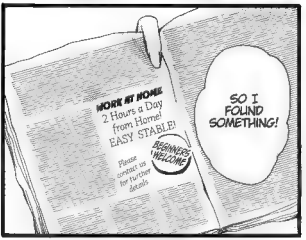

WOMEN WITH SPONGE BOYFRIENDS
PIMP?
A-san:
I'm living with my boyfriend, but he doesn't have a job so we are surviving off of my part-time work (LOL). Every month we are barely making it (LOL). I forgive him, though, because I love him ♥ and he has a handsome face ♥ and he depends on me because he has no one else. ♥♥

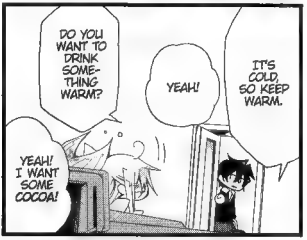

YOU WANT TO WORK?
HUH ...?

TATSUMI, YOUR FACE IS RED?!
SORRY, IT WAS BUSY AT WORK, SO I'M HOME PRETTY LATE.


I CAN'T JUST SPONGE OFF YOU LIKE THIS!
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING I CAN DO, TOO!
WHY DO YOU SUDDENLY WANT TO DO THAT?

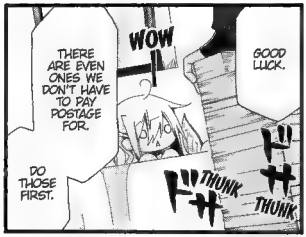

YEAH...
IT WAS REALLY COLD OUTSIDE.
MY HANDS ARE RED, TOO

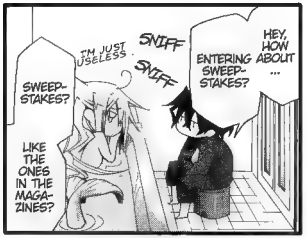

WORK AT HOME
2 Hours a Day from Home!
EASY STABLE!
BEGINNERS WELCOME
Please contact us for further details
SO I FOUND SOMETHING!

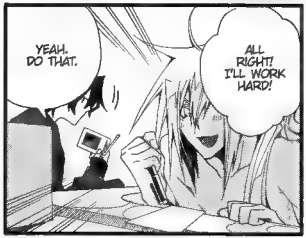

DO YOU WANT TO DRINK SOMETHING WARM?
YEAH!
IT'S COLD, SO KEEP WARM.
YEAH! I WANT SOME COCOA!

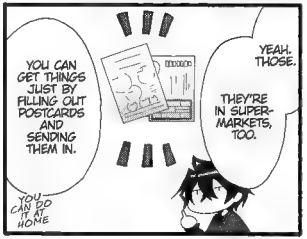
TWENTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A MERMAN.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO WRITE ON YOUR RESUME?
ONLY TWENTY? YOU WANT TO START YOUR JOB SEARCH WITH A LIE?

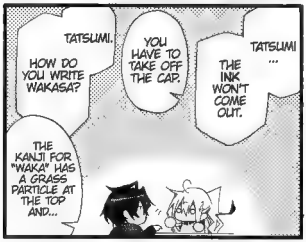
THIS IS BAD.
ISN'T THIS WHAT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT?


WOW
GOOD LUCK.
THERE ARE EVEN ONES WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY POSTAGE FOR.
DO THOSE FIRST.
THUNK
THUNK


HEY, HOW ABOUT ENTERING SWEEP-STAKES?
SNIFF
SNIFF
I'M JUST USELESS.
SWEEP-STAKES?
LIKE THE ONES IN THE MAGA-ZINES?


ALL RIGHT! I'LL WORK HARD!
YEAH, DO THAT.


YEAH. THOSE.
THEY'RE IN SUPER-MARKETS, TOO.
YOU CAN GET THINGS JUST BY FILLING OUT POSTCARDS AND SENDING THEM IN.
YOU CAN DO IT AT HOME


TATSUMI.
HOW DO YOU WRITE WAKASA?
YOU HAVE TO TAKE OFF THE CAP.
TATSUMI ...
THE INK WON'T COME OUT.
THE KANJI FOR "WAKA" HAS A GRASS PARTICLE AT THE TOP AND...

GUESS HE'S NOT REALLY BUYING THIS.
TATSUMI ...
THAT'S...

TAT-SUMI!
I CAN READ, BUT I CAN'T WRITE!

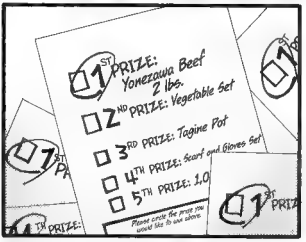
HUH?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
SO THEY'RE LIKE MONEY?!
MORE OR LESS.
THOSE LITTLE CARDS ARE THAT POWER-FUL?!

OH! AMAZING. AMAZING.
TWO HOURS LATER.
LOOK, TATSUMI! I CAN DO WORK!

OKAY. LET'S PRACTICE RIGHT NOW.
YEAH ...
COPY WHAT I WRITE.
YEAH ...

FU FU FU!
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
FLIP
LET ME TAKE A LOOK HERE...

WOBBLE
THAT LOOKS LIKE COMPLETE CHICKEN SCRATCH.


1ST PRIZE: Yonezawa Beef 2 lbs.
2ND PRIZE: Vegetable Set
3RD PRIZE: Tagine Pot
4TH PRIZE: Scarf and Gloves Set
5TH PRIZE: 1,0
Please circle the prize you would like to win above.

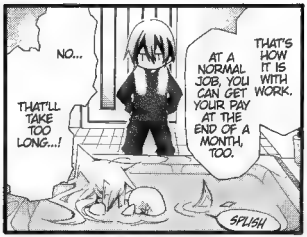
BUT IT'S FINE.
EVERYONE WRITES LIKE THAT AT FIRST.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SPIRIT?
SNIFFLE
TRY YOUR BEST!

ARE YOU HUNGRY?
HM?
N...!
NO! STOP PEEKING!!

OH, WAKASA.
IT'LL BE HARD TO WRITE IF YOU HOLD IT THAT WAY.
A ROCKY ROAD.
YOU DON'T HOLD IT LIKE A SPOON.
POSITION YOUR FINGERS LOWER.
LIKE THIS.

WHEW...
HERE...
THEY'RE ALL DONE NOW...
MY ARMS ARE SHAKING
YES.
GOOD JOB.
IT WAS A GREAT HELP
HUH?
DON'T I GET THE THINGS I CIRCLED?
UM... WHY ARE YOUR HANDS OUT LIKE THAT?
WHAT?!! A MONTH LATER?!!
FAST...!
I WANT RESULTS FAST!!!
ピチ SPLASH
SPLASH ピチ
TONK TONK
IF IT TAKES THAT LONG, I'LL BE KICKED OUT OF HERE...!!

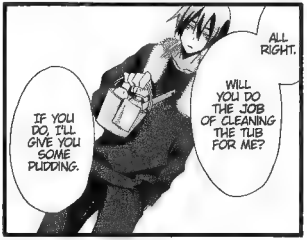
I SEE...
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE START.


NO...
THAT'S HOW IT IS WITH WORK.
AT A NORMAL JOB, YOU CAN GET YOUR PAY AT THE END OF A MONTH, TOO.
THAT'LL TAKE TOO LONG...!
SPLISH

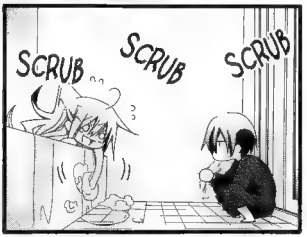
I'M NOT FINISHED! I HAVE A LOT OF LIFE LEFT IN ME!
KA-CHAK
GOOD WORK.
YOU'RE FINISHED.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

GRAB
PLEASE, TATSUMI! ANYTHING IS FINE!!
GIVE ME SOME WORK!!

YUM!
YUM!


ALL RIGHT.
WILL YOU DO THE JOB OF CLEANING THE TUB FOR ME?
IF YOU DO, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME PUDDING.

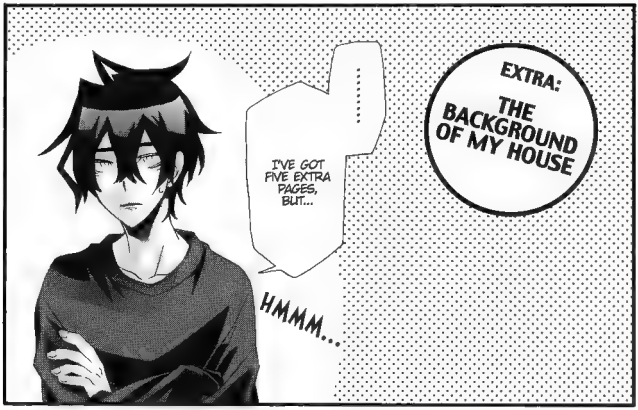
WAIT A SECOND ...!!
HE FIGURED OUT TOO LATE?
THIS IS JUST HELPING WITH THE CHORES!!


SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB

IT'S FINE.
I'M JUST DOING WHAT I WANT TO DO.
DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
I'M A MERMAN THAT CAN'T EVEN EARN THE FOOD HE EATS.
I'M JUST AN ORNA-MENT...
BUT HE EATS IT
I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS GOING ON
SPONGE... HUH...?
SO YOU WERE THINKING SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE A MAN. SO AM I.
SHOULDN'T YOU JUST CONSIDER US FRIENDS?
FRIENDS ...!!!
WELL, HAVING HIM HELP SOME WITH CHORES IS A GOOD IDEA.

SO THEY WERE LYING THAT IT WOULD BE TWO POUNDS?
IT'S A BIT LIGHT FOR MEAT.
OH...!
BLINK!
WAKASA. THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABORS ARE HERE...
DAYS LATER.
GA-CHAK
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, SO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET SICK.
THIS IS FOR YOU, TATSUMI!
FLUTTER
HUH?
WAKASA...
YOU CHOSE FOR THIS ME
I LIKE SEEING HIM HAPPY!
HE'S HAPPY
THOUGH, I ALSO WOULD'VE LIKED TO EAT THE MEAT!!

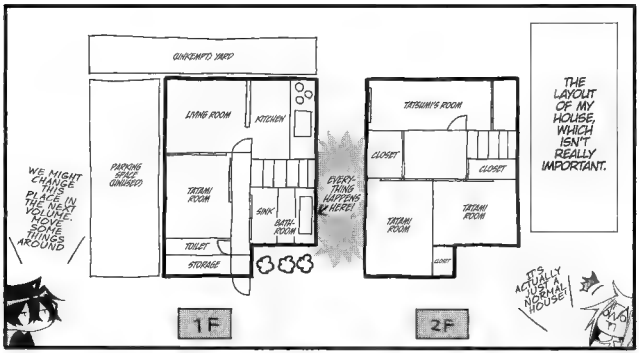
TO BE CONTINUED
IN VOLUME 2!

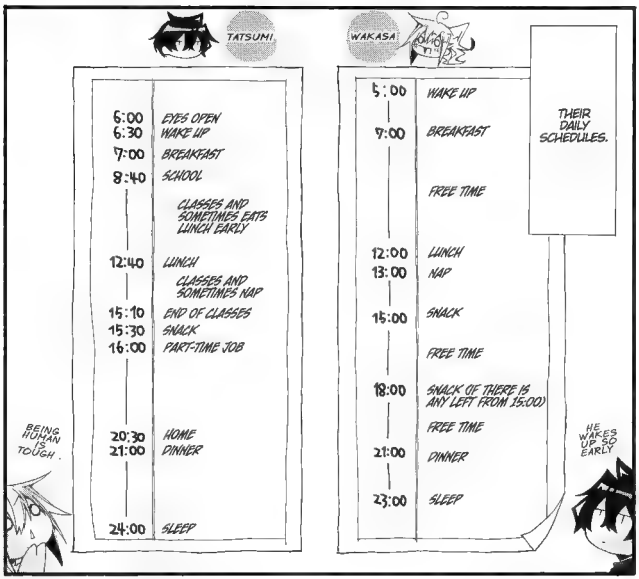

EXTRA:
THE BACKGROUND OF MY HOUSE
.....
I'VE GOT FIVE EXTRA PAGES, BUT...
HMMM...

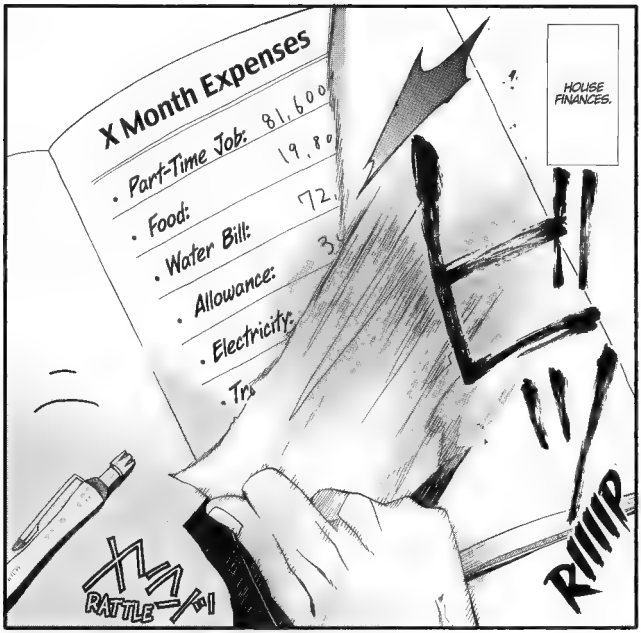
I GUESS I CAN TALK ABOUT HOW I AM OFFSTAGE.
AH- MAAN!
THEN, HOW ABOUT...

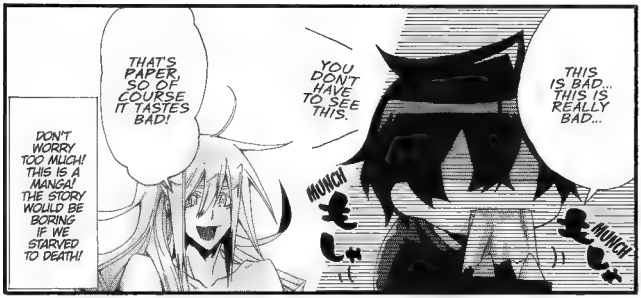
IT'S FULL OF FOUR-PANEL COMICS AND SHORT TOPICS ALREADY!
WHAT MORE CAN I DO
THE ACTUAL COMIC IS ALREADY LIKE A SERIES OF EXTRAS.

OF COURSE! I UNTIE MY PONYTAIL
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN YOU'RE ON?


GINGEMPO YARD
LIVING ROOM
KITCHEN
PARKING SPACE GINGEMPO
TATAMI ROOM
SINK
BATH ROOM
TOILET
STORAGE
1F
TATSUMI'S ROOM
CLOSET
CLOSET
TATAMI ROOM
TATAMI ROOM
LOFT
2F
EVERYTHING HAPPENS HERE!
WE MIGHT CHANGE THIS PLACE IN THE NEXT VOLUME. MOVE SOME THINGS AROUND
THE LAYOUT OF MY HOUSE, WHICH ISN'T REALLY IMPORTANT.
IT'S ACTUALLY JUST A NORMAL HOUSE!

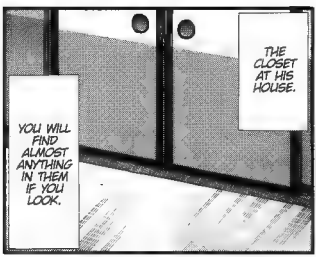

TATSUMI
WAKASA
THEIR DAILY SCHEDULES.
6:00 EYES OPEN
6:30 WAKE UP
7:00 BREAKFAST
8:40 SCHOOL
CLASSES AND SOMETIMES EATS LUNCH EARLY
12:40 LUNCH
CLASSES AND SOMETIMES NAP
15:10 END OF CLASSES
15:30 SNACK
16:00 PART-TIME JOB
20:30 HOME
21:00 DINNER
24:00 SLEEP
5:00 WAKE UP
7:00 BREAKFAST
FREE TIME
12:00 LUNCH
13:00 NAP
15:00 SNACK
FREE TIME
18:00 SNACK (IF THERE IS ANY LEFT FROM 15:00)
FREE TIME
21:00 DINNER
23:00 SLEEP
BEING HUMAN IS TOUGH.
HE WAKES UP SO EARLY

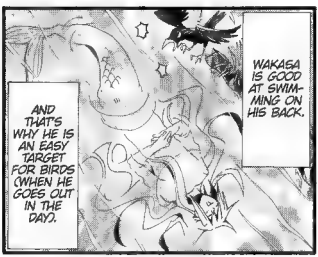

X Month Expenses
• Part-Time Job: 81,600
• Food: 19,80
• Water Bill: 72
• Allowance: 3
• Electricity:
• Tr
HOUSE FINANCES.
RATTLE
RIIIIIP


THAT'S PAPER, SO OF COURSE IT TASTES BAD!
DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH! THIS IS A MANGA! THE STORY WOULD BE BORING IF WE STARVED TO DEATH!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE THIS.
THIS IS BAD... THIS IS REALLY BAD...
MUNCH
MUNCH

TATSUMI'S CLOTHES.
80% BLACK.
SOMETIMES HE WEARS NAVY, GRAY, OR WHITE. (40% OF THOSE ARE SWEATS.)

WHEN BATHING.
BATH ROMANCE CROSED FROM A CAN.
SOMETIMES THEY USE PACKETS TATSUMI RECEIVES AS GIFTS.

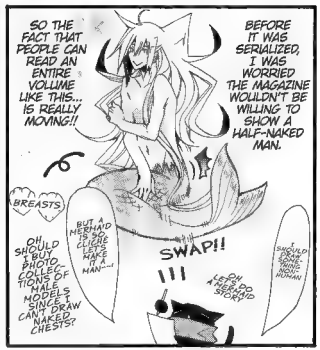

THE CLOSET AT HIS HOUSE.
YOU WILL FIND ALMOST ANYTHING IN THEM IF YOU LOOK.


WAKASA IS GOOD AT SWIMMING ON HIS BACK.
AND THAT'S WHY HE IS AN EASY TARGET FOR BIRDS (WHEN HE GOES OUT IN THE DAY).

PROFILE.
SHOULDN'T WE HAVE STARTED WITH THESE?
WAS ANYBODY TO DYING TO SEE ME GET ATTACKED BY BIRDS?
THIS MANGA HAS NO REAL COMMON SENSE TO BEGIN WITH.
AND A LOT OF THINGS AREN'T SET IN STONE
Tatsumi
•High school student.
•Height: 5'8"
•Soft tan hair with cowlicks.
•A bit nearsighted.
•Normal cooking skill
Wakasa
•Age is a secret!
•Looks like he's in his 20s.
•Height is 6'6" (including fins).
•Very bristled hair (that doesn't change shape in the water).

YAY
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
NICE TO MEET YOU! I AM ITOKICHI!
THANK YOU FOR BUYING MY VERY FIRST COMIC!

I CAN EAT FISH. MOM BUT NOT OTHER SEAFOOD
ESPECIALLY SHELLFISH
YOU'RE NOT A CAT. YOU CAN'T EAT FISH (MOM)
IN HIGH SCHOOL, FRIENDS DID CALL ME "MONKEY."
WHY IS THAT ARTIST DRAWING HERSELF AS A CAT EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A MONKEY? (FRIEND)
AND I CAN'T STAND TOUCHING OCTOPUS
BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE THINGS NOW, ISN'T IT?
WOULD DRAWING HYSELF AS A MONKEY HAVE BEEN BETTER ?
DRAWING MANGA ALONE IN A CORNER IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.


SO THE FACT THAT PEOPLE CAN READ AN ENTIRE VOLUME LIKE THIS... IS REALLY MOVING!!
BEFORE IT WAS SERIALIZED, I WAS WORRIED THE MAGAZINE WOULDN'T BE WILLING TO SHOW A HALF-NAKED MAN.
BREASTS
BUT A MERMAID SPORTS CLOTHES LIKE A MAN—!
SWAP!!
I SHOULD HAVE DRAWN A HUMAN.
COULD SHOJO I BUY PHOTO COLLECTIONS OF MALE MODELS SINCE I CAN'T DRAW NAKED CHESTS?
HOW ABOUT MANGA SCHOOL?

SPECIAL THANKS
YOU GUYS ARE SERIOUS ANGELS FOR BUYING THIS BOOK!
FRIENDS
FAMILY-SAMA
(YOU ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ME! SERIOUSLY!!)
EDITOR-SAMA
AND THE ONES READING THIS RIGHT NOW: YOU!!
NAVY BLUE SHOJO FEELS FOR JUSTICE!!
WELL, ANYWAY. THIS BECAME A STUFFY MANGA ABOUT TWO MEN AND A TUB, BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT EVEN A LITTLE!
BYE!

Merman
in My Tub

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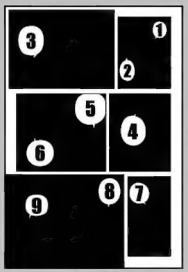

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